

Pretenders in Paradise™ - “It’s Not Easy Being Green”

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Please read all of the information contained in this booklet before completing your entry form. If you have any questions that are not covered, please enclose your question(s) with the completed entry form.

Good Luck!

Prizes

Professional – Individual

First Prize: \$2,000

Second Prize: \$1,500

Third Prize: \$1,000

Amateur Individual

First Prize: \$1,500

Second Prize: \$750

Third Prize: \$500

Group Entry (Must be 4 or more individuals)

Professional: \$1,500

Amateur: \$1,250

ENTRY TO THE COMPETITION CLOSSES ON TUESDAY, October 27 AT NOON

Contestant Entry Fee: \$10 Individual ~ \$20 Group

Completed entry form must be accompanied by entry fee.

Pretenders in Paradise™ Contestant Information

Pretenders in Paradise™ 2009 Theme:

“It’s Not Easy Being Green”

Fantasy Fest® 2009 Theme:

“Villains, Vixens, and Vampires”

Please make copies of this information if you will be working on your costume with other people. This will ensure that everyone knows what to expect on the day of the event.

Costume Description: A brief description of your costume as you would like it described while you are on stage must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 27, at noon.

All entries must be in the realm of “good taste” for public display. **Pretenders In Paradise™ reserves the right to refuse entry to any contestant.** All costumed acts are subject to approval.

Music: Pretenders in Paradise™ production staff will select music if the contestant does not provide music in compliance with the following music guidelines for CD:

- ❖ Music must be on a CD containing only one song or a CD with the track number indicated.
- ❖ Production sound equipment will not read MP3 Files. Any custom burned CD should be playable over a standard CD player and legally obtained.
- ❖ Selected music must not exceed **three (3.00) minutes for professional entries and three (3.00) minutes for group entries and two (2.00) minutes for amateur contestants.**
- ❖ Title of costume, contestant’s name and name of song must be clearly indicated on the cover.
- ❖ Selected music must be provided no later than during Contestant Meeting, Thursday, October 29 at 12 p.m.
- ❖ Pretenders in Paradise™ staff and/or production staff are not responsible for contestant’s recorded music. Music will not be returned.

Stage Area: The area available for the contestants’ performances is approximately 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep with an access ramp 24 feet long and 10 feet wide. When planning your performance please include movement to accommodate all viewing angles.

Stage Capacity: Limits will be placed on the number of performers on stage at one time.

Stage Set: A professionally designed backdrop will enhance the stage for this year’s Pretenders in Paradise™ theme.

Eco Concerns: Because of the stage’s proximity to the Gulf, **PLEASE – no metallic, paper or plastic confetti or glitter.**

Backstage Area: The backstage area is for contestants and two helpers only. Backstage passes (verified by a door list) are required for entry and re-entry.

Arrival Times: Contestants must be at the Pier House twice on the day of the contest. The **FIRST** time will be at 12 p.m. for the **MANDATORY** contestant meeting. The **SECOND** time is show time! The contestants, their costumes and no more than two helpers must be backstage and check in with the stage manager no later than 7 p.m. Contestant entry gate will open at 6 p.m. and will be locked between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. The competition will begin at 8 p.m. SHARP!

Time on Stage: Performance time will not exceed **three (3.00) minutes on stage for group** contestants, **three (3.00) minutes for professional contestants** and **two (2.00) minutes for amateur** contestants. However, Pretenders in Paradise™ production staff may reduce performance time depending on total number of contestants or other time limitations and/or considerations.

Special Needs: If you have any special needs such as colored lights, smoke, sound effects, etc., please note them on your entry form. We will do our best to accommodate everyone, if possible. The sooner we are aware of special requests the better chance we have of accommodating them.

Judging: Point possibilities and areas of judging:

- ❖ Design 40 points
- ❖ Originality 30 points
- ❖ Presentation 30 points

Categories for competition are Individual Professional; Individual Amateur; Group Professional; and Group Amateur. Group entries must have four or more members.

Contact Numbers: Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. We want your moment in the spotlight to be as much fun for you as it is for us and we are here to help you make it happen!

Please contact The Market Share Company (the office is staffed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Phone: 305-296-5596

E-Mail: Ashley@marketsharecompany.com

Fax: 305-294-3335

Visit Pretenders in Paradise™ on the Fantasy Fest Web site: www.fantasyfest.net

Pretenders in Paradise™ is the legendary costume competition of Fantasy Fest® offering lavish cash prizes in four categories. It is a professionally staged production and you are one of the stars!

Mandatory Contestant Meeting:

Thursday, October 29, (event day), 12:00 P.M.

Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa – Conference Center

- ❖ Contestants will meet the Master of Ceremonies, the stage manager and the sound/lights/special effects manager.
- ❖ Safety information, rules and regulations will be discussed.
- ❖ Contestant backstage passes will be issued.
- ❖ Contestant's selected music must be provided at this time.
- ❖ The stage manager will answer questions and show contestants the stage, ramp, backstage area and entry gate.
- ❖ Please be prompt. Meeting will be very brief.

All contestants – or a representative of the contestant’s choice - must attend this meeting.

For group entries, only one member must attend but that person is responsible for sharing meeting information with all members of the group.

The following rules and regulations appear on the reverse side of the Pretenders in Paradise™ Entry Form included in this information booklet:

1. All entries must be within the realm of “good taste” for public display. Pretenders in Paradise™ reserves the right to refuse entry to any contestant. All costumed acts are subject to approval.
2. Contestants are responsible for providing a description of their entry for the Master of Ceremonies to read.
3. Contestants providing their own music must furnish a CD in accordance with instructions set forth on page 2. If all conditions are not met, music will be selected by Pretenders in Paradise™ production staff.
4. Contestants must attend 12:00 p.m. meeting on event day.
5. Each contestant or group may bring only two assistants backstage.
6. No lip-syncing or karaoke style performances. This competition is a professional display of costuming.
7. Prizes are not exchangeable.

Signature Required on Entry Form

October 29, 2009



OFFICIAL COSTUME COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Please read contestant booklet before completing this form and please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____ Fax (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of Entry _____

Please include a brief description of your entry, as you would like it described while you are on stage during the competition (typed on additional page if necessary). You may update or embellish this information prior to the event. Please fax to: The Market Share Company, 305-294-3335, email to Ashley@marketsharecompany.com or deliver to 1111 Twelfth Street, Ste. 211; Key West (Behind K-Mart)

Entry Category – please check one:

Individual: Professional _____ Amateur _____
Group: Professional _____ Amateur _____ Indicate number in group (4-20) _____

Contestant will provide recorded music on CD? _____ Yes _____ No

Phone number to reach you on the day of the event _____

Please include the following: 1) a check or money order payable to the **Pier House**, DO NOT SEND CASH; 2) Completed entry form including title and description of entry; 3) signed acceptance of the rules and regulations and signed release form (see reverse side of entry form). Mail to: The Market Share Company, 1111 Twelfth Street, Key West, FL 33040. Telephone: 305-296-5596 for additional information.