

Dance Masters of America, Inc.



Solo Title Liaison Report

July 2024

Madame President and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Solo Title Liaison. It is such a great way to kick off the national convention and one of my favorite parts of DMA nationals.

This year we have:

Petite Miss 21 Contestants Master 5 Contestants 25 Contestants Junior Miss Junior Mr 6 Contestants Teen Miss 23 Contestants Teen Mr. 6 Contestants Miss 24 Contestants 5 Contestants Mr.

We started the week of events on Friday with the Solo Title Orientation Meeting followed by the the adjudicators enjoying the Judges' Preview of their Talent Performance. The 115 contestants and our 8 reigning title holders were filled with excitement and eager to get their week started.

After the Judges Preview, the contestants began their audition classes. The next morning they had interviews followed with the rest of their audition classes and opening number rehearsals in the evening. The contestants did an amazing job during each phase.

Convention classes began on Sunday afternoon and the day finished with kicking off the start of the convention at the Welcome Party. The contestants, reigning title holders, title directors, and opening number choreographers were introduced and paraded in at the beginning of the party. Lots of fun was had by all!

Monday night was the first of 4 pageants that started with the Petite Miss and Master Contestants. We moved into Tuesday with the Junior pageant. Wednesday with the Teen pageant and closed out the title events on Thursday evening with the Miss and Mr. Dance pageant.

A huge thank you to each of the Solo Title Directors: Marla Heeler, Valerie Hamilton, Michele Rexroad, and Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson. We applaud you for your dedication and hard work throughout the week.

Submitted by, Shawn Terenzi National Second Vice-President