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In the second round of eliminations, the leading three contestants for the men's category were Mr. Vietnam, Mr. Philippines, and Mr. Mongolia. Similarly, Miss Philippines, Miss Tonga, and Miss Australia were the top three women who continued to shine.

The final segment of questions heightened the excitement and brought a profound dimension to the Pageant of the World competition. Inquisitive minds sought to understand the contestants' visions and perspectives on utilizing the platform for positive change. Men faced the challenging question, "How do you plan to use the platform Pageant of the World to make a difference?" On the other hand, women shared insights into their personal journeys, answering the question, "How has Pageant of the World influenced your understanding of beauty?"

As the anticipation reached its pinnacle, the moment arrived for the final results to be unveiled. Among the remarkable women, the titles were awarded as follows: Miss Australia claimed the 2nd runner-up position, Miss Philippines secured the 1st runner-up spot, and the highly coveted title of Woman of the World 2023 was bestowed upon Miss Tonga. The competition among the distinguished men concluded with Mr. Mongolia earning the 2nd runner-up distinction, Mr. Philippines securing 1st runner-up, and the prestigious title of Man of the World 2023 being claimed by Mr. Vietnam.

Pageant of the World 2023's coronation night transcended the boundaries of a conventional competition. It metamorphosed into a grand celebration, showcasing beauty and talent and the potential impact these individuals can wield on the global stage. The winners, standing alongside their fellow participants, contributed to an evening that will forever be etched in history as a symbol of elegance, achievement, and the transformative power of pageantry. The grand coronation at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth marked the culmination of weeks of anticipation and preparation. The remarkable display of elegance, talent, and gastronomic delights elevated the event to an unforgettable experience. Pageant of the World 2023's coronation night at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth will be remembered as a glittering triumph, capturing the essence of beauty, poise, and celebration.

Congratulations to Cindy Dionisio, Sidharth J Vijann, and the entire Pageant of the World team for their extraordinary efforts and impeccable execution of an unforgettable event.

In a spectacular event that combined glamour, talent, and grace, Pageant of the World celebrated its coronation night on September 30th at the luxurious Sofitel Sydney Wentworth. The night was a culmination of weeks of anticipation, showcasing the charisma and accomplishments of the contestants who competed in various categories, leaving an indelible mark on the pageant's history.

A total of seven male contestants and thirteen female contestants, including Enoque Santiago, Fadi Jorjus, Buya Ser-Od, Angelo Joaquin Basa, Hayden Johnson, Rishabh Sharma, Eric Phan, Xyrilla Jean Antonio, Rachel Farah, Nyamdulam Shinebayar, Maddy May, Ekam Makkar, Hiba Al Malky, Chloé Gouneau, Leila Mokdad, Kizza Raj, Yukina Sato, Bruna Vasconcelos, Samikshya Shrestha, and Erika Bunter, graced the stage in a dazzling array of outfits, making the night a dazzling display of diverse talent and style.

The competition unfolded across three distinctive categories. National costume, activewear, and formal wear allowed each participant to showcase their unique style, adding a layer of diversity to the event. The runway came alive with a vibrant display of talent and charisma as contestants left an indelible mark on the audience.

The pageant recognized outstanding achievements with a series of special awards. Miss Philippines claimed the title of Best in National Costume, while Mr. Portugal earned the distinction of Best Personality. The titles of Charity King and Charity Queen went to Mr. Portugal and Miss Lebanon, respectively. Photogenic awards were bestowed upon Mr. Brazil and Ms. Fiji, and the Top Model award went to Mr. Philippines and Ms. Australia. Mr. Japan and Miss Brazil claimed smile awards, and Best in Active Wear titles went to Mr. Mongolia and Miss Tonga. Miss Japan and Mr. India showcased their talents, earning the titles of Best in Talent, while Advocacy awards were granted to Miss Egypt and Mr. India. Miss Philippines and Mr. Lebanon received the People's Choice awards. In the Best in Formal Wear category, the titles went to Mr. Vietnam and Miss Brazil.



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Congratulations to Cindy Dionisio and the entire Pageant of the World team for a very successful event!



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COMING TO CINEMAS SOON

HOW TO LOOK *Stylish* ON A BUDGET

Inflation can be a challenging economic reality that affects many aspects of our lives, including our fashion choices. Rising prices might make it seem like staying fashionable is a luxury reserved for the affluent, but with some savvy strategies, you can maintain your sense of style without becoming broke. Here are some tips for staying fashionable during inflationary times:

Prioritize Versatility: Invest in versatile wardrobe staples that can be mixed and matched to create multiple outfits. Pieces like a well-fitted blazer, a classic white shirt, or a good pair of jeans may be dressed up or down to fit different situations. Versatile items offer more value for your money since they can be worn in different ways.

Thrift and Vintage Shopping: Thrift stores and vintage shops can be treasure troves for fashionable finds at a fraction of the price of new clothing. These stores often carry unique, one-of-a-kind pieces that can add character to your wardrobe. Take your time browsing through the racks, and you might discover some hidden gems.

Focus on Quality Over Quantity: In times of inflation, instead of frequently purchasing low-quality, disposable fashion, it is better to invest in high-quality items that will last longer. Quality garments may have a higher upfront cost, but they often prove more cost-effective in the long run as they endure wear and tear better and require fewer replacements.

Learn Basic Sewing Skills: Learning some basic sewing skills can be empowering and cost-effective. You can repair minor damages or alterations on your clothes, extending their lifespan. Simple tasks like sewing on buttons, hemming pants, or fixing small tears can save you money and keep your wardrobe in tip-top shape.

Accessorize Creatively: An outfit's accessories may make or break it, and they're often more affordable than clothing items. Invest in a variety of accessories like scarves, belts, hats, and statement jewelry to refresh your look without having to buy entirely new ensembles.

Embrace Minimalism: Consider adopting a minimalist approach to fashion. Fewer clothing items in your wardrobe can make it easier to mix and match, reduce clutter, and keep your style streamlined. Focus on pieces you truly love and wear frequently, rather than accumulating a large collection of items you rarely use.

Rent or Borrow: For special occasions or one-time events, consider renting clothing or borrowing from friends and family. There are online platforms that offer clothing rental services, allowing you to wear high-end designer pieces without the hefty price tag.

Keep an Eye on Sales and Discounts: Monitor sales, discounts, and clearance sections at your favorite stores. Many retailers offer seasonal sales or clearance events where you can snag stylish pieces at a fraction of their original price. To learn about deals, subscribe to newsletters and follow brands on social media.

Practice Mindful Shopping: Before making a purchase, consider whether you actually need the item and whether it will go in with your current clothing. Avoid impulsive buying and focus on making intentional purchases that align with your style and budget.

DIY Fashion Projects: Explore your creativity by trying out do-it-yourself (DIY) fashion projects. You can transform old clothing into something new, embellish plain garments, or experiment with dyeing techniques. You can personalise your closet without breaking the bank with DIY projects.



UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BRAND *Ambassadorship*

In the world of marketing and promotion, brand ambassadors play a crucial role in connecting companies with their target audience. These individuals are trusted advocates who represent and promote a brand's products or services. If you're passionate about a particular brand or niche and dream of becoming a brand ambassador, here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started on your journey to influencer status.

Choose Your Niche: Identify your area of interest and expertise. Successful brand ambassadors are often passionate about a specific niche, whether it's fashion, beauty, fitness, technology, or travel. Your niche should align with your interests and resonate with your target audience.

Build Your Online Presence: A strong online presence is essential for aspiring brand ambassadors. Start by creating and maintaining active social media profiles on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and TikTok. Choose a handle that reflects your niche and personality, and ensure your content is engaging, authentic, and visually appealing.

Create High-Quality Content: Consistently produce high-quality content that showcases your passion and expertise within your chosen niche. This may include blog posts, photos, videos, or a combination of multimedia content. The secret is to add value to your audience and position oneself as an authoritative source of knowledge.

Grow Your Following: A loyal and active following requires effort and time to build. Engage your audience by answering comments, participating in discussions, and collaborating with other content creators in your niche. Additionally, use relevant hashtags to increase your content's discoverability.

Engage with Brands: Once you've established your online presence and gained a reasonable following, start engaging with the brands you admire. Observe them on social media and respond to their posts and share your experiences with their products or services. Building a genuine connection with the brand is the first step to catching their attention.

Showcase Your Passion: Authenticity is key in brand ambassadorship. Continue showcasing your passion for your chosen niche and the brand you're interested in. Share your personal experiences, reviews, and recommendations genuinely. Brands are more likely to partner with individuals who genuinely love and believe in their products.

Reach Out to Brands: Don't be afraid to reach out to brands directly. Craft a compelling pitch that highlights your passion, expertise, and the value you can bring to their brand. Research their preferred contact methods, which may include email, social media DMs, or dedicated brand ambassador programs on their websites.

Attend Industry Events: Participate in industry-related events, conferences, and trade shows if possible. Networking with industry professionals and brand representatives can provide valuable opportunities to showcase your expertise and passion. It's also a chance to make direct connections with brands.

Collaborate with Like-Minded Influencers: Working together with other influencers in your niche can help you reach more people and meet new brands. Partnering on content or campaigns with influencers who share your interests can be mutually beneficial and attract the attention of brands looking for collaborations.

Be Patient and Persistent: Becoming a brand ambassador is not an overnight achievement. It takes time, dedication, and persistence. You may face rejection along the way, but remember that persistence pays off. Keep refining your content, growing your audience, and pursuing partnerships with brands aligned with your niche.

Becoming a brand ambassador is a rewarding endeavor for those passionate about their chosen niche. It's a journey that begins with building a strong online presence, creating valuable content, and engaging with both your audience and the brands you admire. As you continue to showcase your passion and authenticity, opportunities to represent and promote your favorite brands will likely come your way, turning your dream of becoming a brand ambassador into a reality.



WORLD SUPREMACY BATTLEGROUND'S 19TH SEASON

In a mesmerizing showcase of talent, innovation, and infectious energy, the World Supremacy Battlegrounds (WSB) International Street Dance Championship kicked off its 19th season at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre in Sydney City from September 29 to October 1. This extraordinary dance competition, which drew nearly 5,000 attendees, unfolded as a breathtaking spectacle, leaving an indelible mark of inspiration.

The WSB International Street Dance Championship transformed Sydney City into a vibrant hub of artistic expression and intense competition. From heart-pounding beats to jaw-dropping moves, the event delivered an unforgettable experience, creating a palpable synergy between performers and the captivated audience.

Breaking barriers and pushing the boundaries of creativity, the championship crowned fifteen new division title champions who showcased the evolution and dynamism of street dance culture. These champions set a new standard for the global street dance community, demonstrating unparalleled skills, creativity, and passion.

Among the standout winners were Sweet Feet (Australia, Open

Division), Folk Jumpers (Philippines, Monster Division), The Kookies JV (Australia, Monster Varsity), Soul Blitz (Australia, Varsity Division), and Lexus De Castro (Philippines, Solo Division).

The championship attracted an impressive lineup of special guests, including dance sensations Big MiJo (Taylor Swift/Madonna dancer) and DJ Loonyo. Their presence elevated the event, gracing the stage with mesmerizing performances and sharing inspiring stories of success and dedication with emerging talents.

Marco Andre Selorio, the Founder of WSB, expressed his excitement about the overwhelming success of the championships, highlighting the power of dance to unite, inspire, and transform. The event's success underscores WSB's commitment to nurturing the talent and passion of street dancers worldwide.

With the resounding success of this year's championship, anticipation is already building for the next edition, promising an even more spectacular showcase of talent and creativity. The upcoming major event, WSB Asia x Homeground, is set to take place in Singapore City from January 26 to 28, 2024. For more details, visit www.worldsupremacybattlegrounds.com.





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1MX MUSIC FESTIVAL: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

In a groundbreaking spectacle that left music enthusiasts in awe, the first-ever 1MX Music Festival took center stage in Sydney, Australia. As part of an international touring music festival that graces major cities worldwide, 1MX presented a unique blend of authentic Asian artist showcases, intertwining seamlessly with the vibrant local cultural scene. Held at The Hordern Pavilion on October 8, 2023, this musical extravaganza featured a stellar lineup of Asian-Australian-Kiwi artists, creating an unforgettable experience for attendees.

The festival boasted a diverse lineup, bringing together a fusion of talents from different corners of the world. The stage came alive with stellar performances from rising stars to seasoned artists, each contributing to the rich tapestry of sounds and cultures. Among the standout performers were:

Milky Day: A rising star with roots extending from Korean and New Zealand influences, Milky Day brought a unique blend of Lofi and R&B to the stage. The fusion of cultural backgrounds added a distinctive flavour to the musical journey.

Keenan Te: Emerging as a pop sensation on the rise, Keenan Te showcased a powerful voice and an impressive online presence. With billions of views on TikTok and millions of streams, his performance resonated deeply with the audience.

Bini: An electrifying P-Pop Girl Group that emerged from the Star Hunt Academy, Bini captivated the crowd with their energetic and synchronized performances. Their presence on stage reflected the collective talent nurtured by the academy.

Maymay Entrata: A multifaceted talent in the entertainment

industry, Maymay Entrata took the stage with her hit song "Amakabogera." Her diverse skill set, spanning acting, singing, hosting, dance, and modeling, added a dynamic element to the festival.

William Singe: A leading figure in Australia's music scene, William Singe's solo career has explored a wide range of genres. His charismatic stage presence and musical versatility resonated with fans.

Dami Im: Synonymous with musical excellence, Dami Im showcased her incredible voice and trend-setting music. The former winner of The X Factor Australia, her journey to stardom began with a triumph that led to platinum-status albums.

Ben&Ben: Hailing from the Philippines, Ben&Ben, a folk-pop band formed in 2017, emerged as a musical sensation. Their enchanting melodies and poignant lyrics have earned them recognition and accolades in the music industry.

The 1MX Music Festival unfolded as a musical journey like no other. The artists not only performed their chart-topping tracks but also brought stunning choreography and magnetic stage presence. The crowd was immersed in a sonic and visual spectacle, creating an atmosphere of celebration and unity.

The inaugural 1MX Music Festival in Sydney was a testament to the power of music in transcending borders and celebrating diversity. With a lineup that spanned continents and genres, the festival provided a platform for artists to share their unique stories and connect with a global audience. As the echoes of this musical extravaganza linger, anticipation builds for the next chapter in the 1MX journey, promising more cultural fusion and musical brilliance.





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Candice Tyra Geonzon Tarrant, a 14-year-old Filipino Australian, is the cherished daughter of Randy Tarrant and Cheryl Tarrant. Inspired by her mother's successful beauty queen journey as the former Mrs. Universe Central Asia 2022 and Woman of the Universe Australia 2021, Candice has carved out her own path of achievements in the world of beauty pageantry.

Currently holding the esteemed title of Miss Australia Pre Teen 2023 Royal International Miss, Candice represented Australia in Orlando, Florida, where she secured the honourable position of 4th Runner Up International Role Model among 37 accomplished candidates. She has also triumphed as Miss Earth Junior Air Australia 2021 and Miss Junior Australasia 2021.

Dance is Candice's expressive outlet, and she leverages her passion for dance to participate in various charitable events. Her talents extend further as a runway and print model, marking a significant milestone by gracing New York Fashion Week in September 2022 under the wing of Marc Defang, securing a presence on the iconic Times Square billboard in New York.

Beyond her achievements in the entertainment realm, Candice shines in sports as a notable netball player. Her team secured victory in the Grand Finals last year and secured the runner-up position this year.

Candice's dedication to advocacy is noteworthy, particularly in the field of recycling. For over four years, she has collected empty bottles and cans, recycling them for financial support. The proceeds from these recycling efforts have been directed towards positive community initiatives. Candice's donations include 10,000 pesos for Covid-19 assistance in Iloilo, Philippines, providing lunch for Aged Care workers, and hosting a High Tea for Aged Care residents.

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Candice Tyra

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Her upcoming project involves aiding underprivileged kids in the Philippines in November. She also displayed remarkable kindness by donating her long hair, reaching her thighs, to KIDS with Cancer Australia last year.

Her altruistic contributions have been widely recognised, earning her titles such as Social Change Maker 2023 by Wonder of Womanhood Awards, Beauty Queen of the Year 2023 at the Australian Golden Sash Awards, Junior Humanitarian of the Year 2022, and International Model of the Year 2022 by the Australian Golden Sash Awards. Candice was also acknowledged as the Rising Star of the Year by Global Elite Media Awards and Charity Queen of the Year 2021 by the Australian Golden Sash Awards.



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Eisha Joy Taleda

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At a mere 11 years old, the remarkable journey of Eisha Joy Hobson has already captured the hearts and admiration of many. Born on February 4th, 2012, in the Philippines, Eisha's heritage is a beautiful fusion of Australian and Pinay roots. Currently studying at Oakville Public School in NSW, her world is adorned with vibrant hues of artistry, song, and a profound love for family adventures.

Eisha's connection with the natural world is undeniable. Her heart finds solace in the company of animals, the serenity of beaches, and the thrill of bushwalks. Embedded in her upbringing is a profound respect for tradition. Drawing from her Filipino heritage, she exemplifies the cherished gesture of "Mano po," a mark of reverence for elders.

Eisha remarkably embarked on her modeling journey as early as 1 and a half years old, gracing the Philippine modeling scene and even making appearances on television dramas. She further continued her modeling journey at the tender age of 11, captivating local audiences through fashion shows and photoshoots. As she continued to gain experience, her passion for modeling increased, fueled by a desire to excel. Supported by her devoted family, Eisha harmoniously balances her emerging modeling career with her academic pursuits. A testament to her tenacity, she excels academically, demonstrating her prowess both in front of the camera and within the classroom.

In addition to her modeling endeavours, Eisha finds purpose in community engagement. Her involvement in charitable fashion events and fundraisers underscores her commitment to noble causes, employing her platform to effect positive change. Her future is radiant with promise. As a beacon of inspiration, she aspires to be a role model for aspiring young talents, demonstrating that with unwavering determination and diligent effort, the sky's the limit.

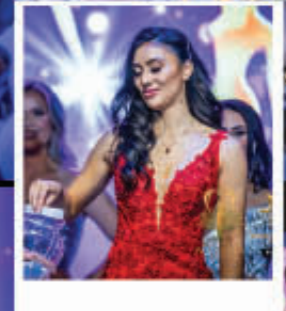
Join us in following Eisha Joy Hobson's rise, as she spreads her wings in the fashion world, casting a brilliant light as a budding luminary on the horizon.

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The much-anticipated Miss Earth Australia 2023 pageant took center stage on the night of September 9th, and it was an evening filled with glamour, environmental consciousness, and fierce competition. Held at the Tang Media Performing Arts Centre, this event brought together 11 outstanding finalists who competed for the prestigious title.

The 11 finalists, each with their unique qualities and dedication, included Kritika Sharma, Patricia Sheeran, Deborah Madriaga, Puja Nagaria, Sonia Kekatos, Luna Ojacastro, Kajol Chand, Sarah Tute, Helen Latufeku, Taylor Kuchel, and Katelyn Storey. They represented the epitome of beauty with a purpose as they vied for the Miss Earth Australia 2023 title.

Ultimately, the winners were announced, and they represented the various elemental titles. Patricia Sheeran was crowned Miss Earth Charity Australia, Luna Ojacastro was named Miss Earth Fire Australia, Kajol Chand secured the title of Miss Earth Water Australia, and Deborah Madriaga was awarded Miss Earth Air Australia.

The most coveted title, Miss Earth Australia 2023, went to the remarkable Helen Latufeku. Her victory marked a significant achievement in her journey toward positively impacting the environment and promoting sustainable practices.





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