

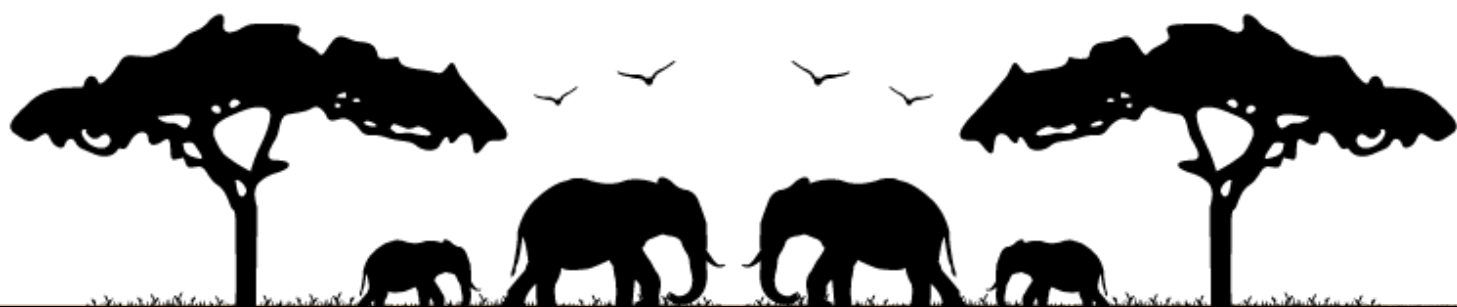


WELCOME TO

MISS SUDAN 2017

BACK TO OUR ROOTS EDITION

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 02, 2017 | 6-10PM



"A tree stands strong not by its fruits or branches, but by the depth of its roots."

Anthony Liccione

Our aim with Miss Sudan is to break the silence regarding beauty standards in Sudanese society. We are promoting our diversity and using it as a source of unity rather than division. Our contestants will be competing for the chance to win an academic scholarship towards their higher education. They will also be representing and receiving donations to the cause of their choice, emphasizing our role to help the less fortunate. We are featuring local acts and artists to help bring attention to talent in our community. Lastly, please welcome representatives from National Geographic, Al-Ghad television, Voice of America and UNICEF USA.

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Schedule

OPENING DANCE AND REMARKS

TRADITIONAL WEAR

TALENT

INTERMISSION: ART SHOWCASE

FORMAL WEAR

INTERMISSION: LIVE PERFORMANCES

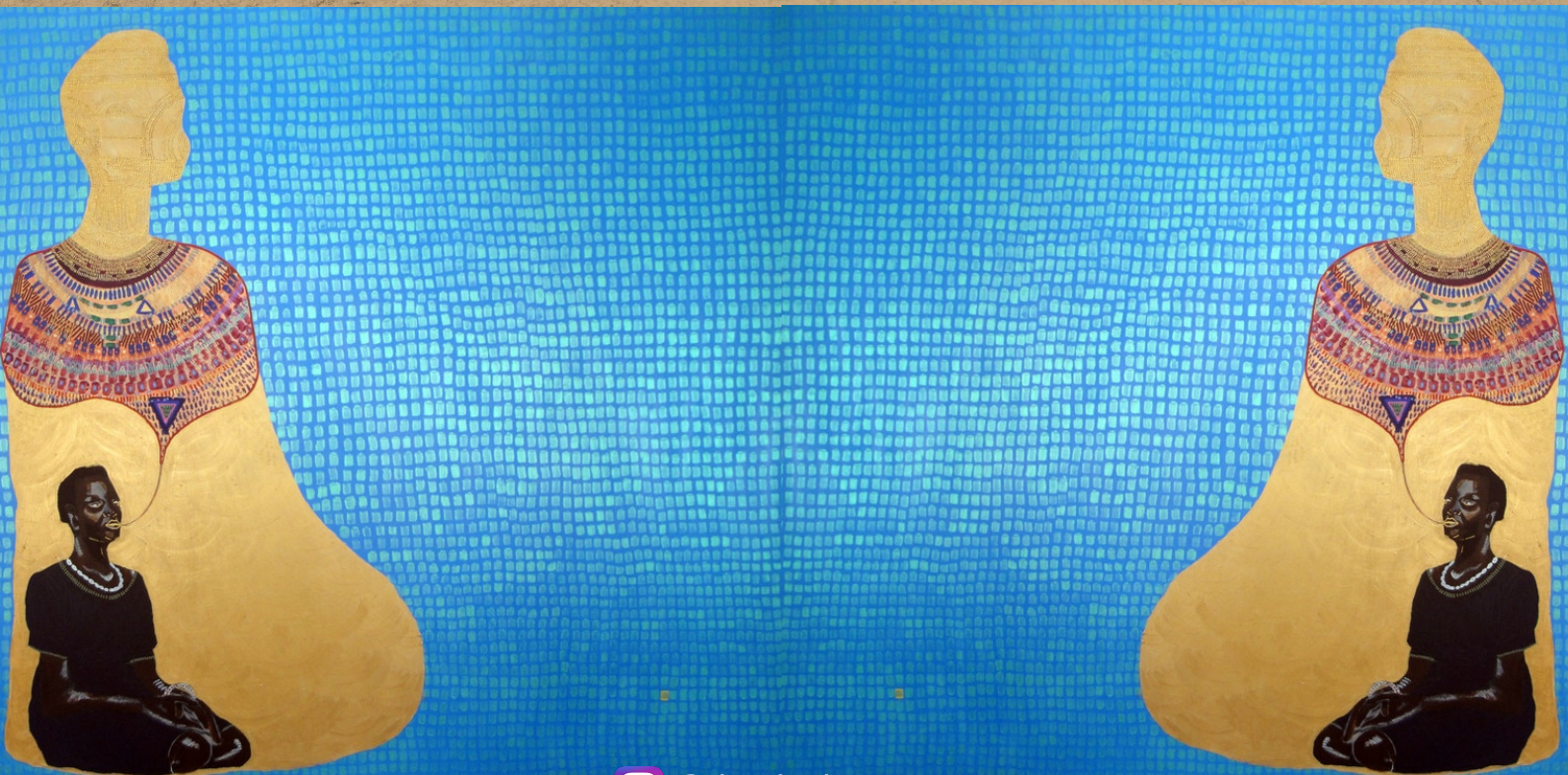
CROWNING AND ENDING CREDITS

Hosted by:

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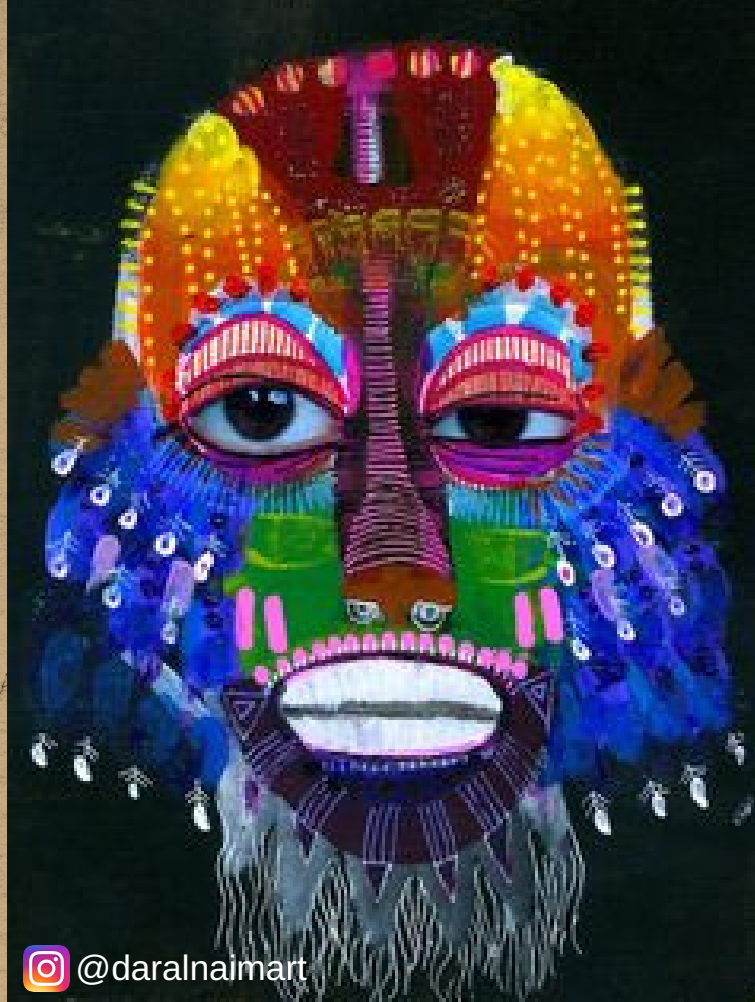
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Meet The Contestants

Noran Mahdy - CHARITY: MYGOMA ORPHANAGE

17 year old at Oak Lawn community high school in Illinois. She would like to bring more awareness to Sudan in the fashion/beauty industry.

Reem Ali - CHARITY: SAVE THE CHILDREN- SUDAN

21 year old completing her undergraduate. She wants to get more involved in the Sudanese community and hopes to see unity in it. She would like to dedicate her talent performance to the passing of her best friend, Nabra.

Abyad Kheri - CHARITY: VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

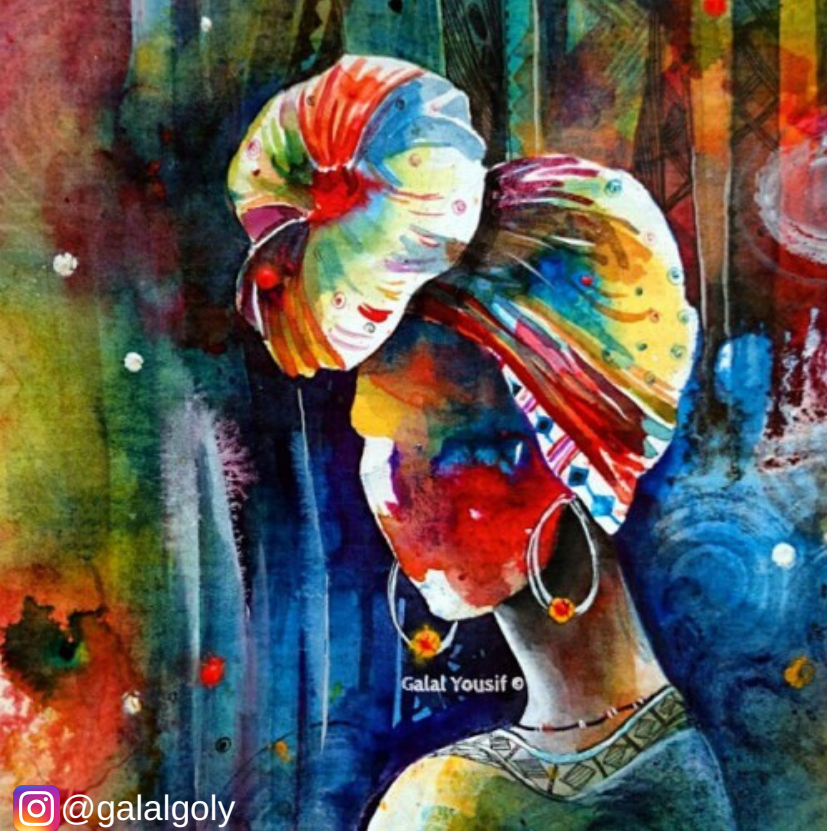
26 year old completing her degree, she is proud to represent this generation of Sudanese diaspora. She hopes to share the experiences of her family & friends who came to America as refugees.

Heidi Elgaili - CHARITY: UNICEF USA - SYRIAN REFUGEES

17 year old who wants to get more involved in the Sudanese community and is using this to spread appreciation to the Sudanese culture.

Elza Elzain - CHARITY: NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION

17 year old finishing up her last year of high school aiming to authentically express herself. She would like to dedicate her entire running to her late mother, Nagwa Al-Faki.



Mygoma Orphanage: *Founded - 1961*, Began under the name of Maternity and Childhood Hospital and supervised by Federal Ministry of Health to care for abandoned children up to 4 years of age. It is located in Khartoum, capital of the Sudan. Most of children admitted to the centre are the result of illegitimate pregnancies. They are mainly abandoned just after birth and brought by the authorities to the centre.

Save the Children - Sudan: *Founded - 1984*, They conduct programs for children and families affected by conflict, displacement, extreme poverty, hunger and a lack of basic services. Many of the children and families served were among the most vulnerable and hardest to reach.

Volunteers of America: *Founded - 1896*, They provide services that are designed locally to address specific community needs. Their common areas of focus include promoting self-sufficiency for the homeless and for others overcoming personal crises, caring for the elderly and disabled and fostering their independence, and supporting positive development for troubled and at-risk children and youth.


Charities



UNICEF USA - Syrian Refugees: *Founded - 1947* UNICEF has been on the ground since the conflict began, helping to mobilize the largest humanitarian operation in history and working closely with partners to provide education, water, health care and immunizations, physical protection, psychological support and clothing to children in Syria and Syrian refugee children in Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt and Europe.

National Breast Cancer Coalition: *Founded - 1991*, the National Breast Cancer Coalition's (NBCC) mission is to end breast cancer through the power of action and advocacy. NBCC increases federal funding for breast cancer research, currently more than \$3 billion; monitors how research funds are spent; expands access to quality health care for all; and ensures that trained advocates influence all decision making that affects breast cancer.



 @galalgoly

Artists

AZZA HUMEIDA - a 21 year old college student that enjoys spreading love throughout the DMV with art and hopes to excel further in the future.

TRACY L BARWICK - originates from Dayton, OH. Her choice of mediums are primarily beads, colored pencils, and acrylics. She intends to represent the full spectrum of feelings and emotions we all experience. She states she's blessed that time, patience and imagination allows her art to evolve beyond her own boundaries. She hopes you receive her pieces fully, as much as she enjoys creating them.

BENJAMIN BRECKENRIDGE ROSS - a 29 year old born and raised in Maryland. He likes to do acrylic abstract and mixed media-like paintings while being influenced by graffiti, video games & cartoons. He is an avid skateboarder and enjoys playing the guitar as well as the piano.

SHERINE REHAN - an undergraduate student who will showcase her summer trip back home to Morocco. She took candid photos and pictures that she feels authentically represent the Moroccan culture.

JOSHUA EDWARDS-BUCK - born and raised in Woodbridge, Va. He has experimented with different art forms from drawing to poetry and most recently painting. He's an advocate for creative expression for all.

KHADIJA - a 21 year old American born West African living in Michigan. She grew up in Liberia and attended VCU. She first started drawing in kindergarten, age 5. By 10th grade year she mastered the use of chalk, one of her favorite mediums to do. Aside from drawing and painting she also enjoys singing, writing poetry, traveling, modeling and dancing. She is a spiritual person who enjoys being in nature, having articulate conversations, and her solitude.

STEPHON REID - a 20 year old Muslim, Jamaican artist from Brooklyn, New York. He attends VCU and double majors in communication arts and religious studies. He converted to Islam from Christianity 8 months ago to become a better person and be able to grow mentally & spiritually as a human being.

LAMA ALI - a junior studying fashion design at VCU. She has studied fashion for the past year and art for multiple years. She has been featured in multiple news outlets and was part of William & Mary's annual fashion show/fashion magazine earlier this year.

Performers

RAMEY DAWOUD - a Sudanese American hip hop artist, actor, and songwriter. Ramey's music is known for its lyrics which highlight Sudanese everyday life and the longing to return home. He was the winner of the 2012 Best New Award at the Kansas City Entertainment Awards of that year. He is best known for his starring role in the award winning short film Faisal Goes West (2013)

DEVA - a music producer from Springfield, VA whose ethnic roots come from Afghanistan. He has been making music since he was a kid and now runs his own record label featuring other artists from around the world. He has performed in shows all over the DMV. Now he is working on his own album and projects for his record label.

MOURAINÉ - a Sudanese hip hop artist based in Edmonton, Canada. He has recently released his album, Cold Mornings 2. He is well known for his feature in Noisey by Vice.

MO" BLACK - a Somali American traveling artist that shares his experience to help others. He strives to be the best person he can be to give the best on to you.



Judges

Wala Ahmed

Abir Ibrahim

Hisham Elhag

Mahasin Ahmed