### **THE CITY THEATRE COMPANY** presents

# PAGEANT

**The Musical** 

Book and Lyrics by Bill Russell and Frank Kelly Music by Albert Evans Conceived by Robert Longbottom

### The Cast.

Frankie, our genial host - Rick Felkins Miss Deep South, Laurinda Summerford - James Springer

Miss West Coast, Karma Quinn

- Boyce Templin Miss Great Plains, Bonnie Louise Cutlett - Michael Wheeler

Miss Bible Belt, Ruth Ann Ruth - Jalal Goggins Miss Industrial Northeast, Consuela Manuela Lopez -

> James Montreal Miss Texas, Kitty-Bob Ames - Kirk Kelso

Directed by **Jim Lindsay** Musical Direction by **Rachel Hoovler** Choreography by **Laura Lund and Jim Lindsay** 

> The show is two acts. Each act is one hour in length. There is a fifteen-minute intermission between acts.

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### **PAGEANT** Cast and Production Team.

**Rick Felkins** (Frankie Cavalier) is very happy to be back at City Theater for his 4th production. He's previously been seen on this stage in *12 Angry Men, Love, Valour, Compassion*, and *A Man for All Seasons*. Other roles in Austin include *Fiddler on the Roof* with the Jewish Repertory Theater/ Trinity Street Players and New Jerusalem with Paradox Players. He's been seen in films such as "What's Love Got to Do with It"; televisions shows such as Mad TV; and toured all over Europe with the International Company of *FAME: The Musical.* He feels flossing is important and encourages everyone to do it.

**Frankie Cavalier** (Your Emcee) has had a distinguished career in broadcasting that started with his stint on the radio as a traffic announcer in the 2 minutes Congestion Junction Report. Hungry for stardom, he worked his way up to Frankie's Afternoon Dance Party for KGRL radio and became a sensation for 2 and half months. At its peak, he was hit with a shocking bogus palimony lawsuit that caused audiences to dwindle, and just when he seemed destined to be put out to pasture, he assumed the hosting duties for America's Goofiest People, where his iconic place in entertainment history was cemented. Gun-shy from long term relationships, Frankie would like to thank his shrink for working with him and his two Bichon Frise pups to co-exist more peacefully.

Jalal Goggins (Miss Bible Belt) A native of New York, Jalal has worked with Zilker Theatre's *Hairspray* and Zach Scott Theatre's *The Gospel at Colonus*. Last year, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance at Huston-Tillotson University, and plans to continue his journey in the musical performance world. He also plans to pursue creative writing and Vocal Pedagogy and continue broadening his horizons in the arts.

**Miss Bible Belt** (Ruth Ann Ruth) Hailing from Greensville, OK, Ruth Ann Ruth has always had a taste for the Lord's sweet blessings. She was born and raised in the Greater Church of Fire and Brimstone, where she was taught about the many blessings and gifts God has given to the world - herself being one of them. When she was six, she won the Little Miss Amazing Grace Pageant at her church, and has felt a strong connection to beauty and aesthetics ever since. In high school, she found her voice in the Young Black Panther Club, and was educated in the teachings of "Black Jesus Christ". It was here that she found her voice and declared herself a proud child of his holy ebony and the motherland. She enjoys watching Braxton Family Values, with a nice hot plate of Chitlins after bible study on Wednesdays. She is now majoring in business and marketing, at Bob Jones University and dreams of creating her own line of Christian-based skin care and makeup products called "Sanctified!" **James Monrea**l (Miss Industrial Northeast) is super excited to be making his City Theatre debut in this hilarious yet fabulous show! Some other show credits include *South Pacific, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Shrek the Musical* and *Annie.* He has also worked at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida as a performer where you can say things got a little "goofy" for him from time to time. He just recently graduated earning a degree in Drama and thinks what better way to show off his brand new degree at use than performing in this delicate, yet assertive, show. He would like to thank everyone who has ever supported him and encouraged him to live out his dreams. "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

**Miss Industrial Northeast** (Consuela Manuela Rafaella Lopez) is the first generation in her family to be born in America. Her native language is Spanish but she learned English with the help of one of her favorite idols, "Dora la Exploradora." She made it all the way up to 8th grade and then had to drop out and find a job in order to help support her family. After working as a nanny for the company "Nanny Booboo," she decided to quit and become a temp to explore what other jobs there are out there. It wasn't until recently she rediscovered her love of hairstyling while working at the Concha County Women's House of Detention Center. It is her lifelong dream to one day become a professional figure roller skater! She would like to thank her padres and 9 siblings for supporting her through her journey. Special shout out to all of the women of Concha County for providing all of her jewelry she wears tonight!

Kirk Kelso (Miss Texas) is just chomping at the bit to get started with his eighth production at City Theatre! Some of his favorite productions at City Theatre have been: Love! Valour! Compassion!. Urinetown the Musical Vampire Lesbians of Sodom, and Hair. Other highlights include Chicago at Georgetown Palace and The Rocky Horror Show with Austin Theatre Project. In his spare time, he is a trainer and yoga instructor at www.kirkwerks.com. Kirk also loves photography, volleyball, taking naps with his dogs, and always keeping Austin weird.

**Miss Texas** (Kitty Bob Ames) is bustin' at the seams with pride at the chance to compete at the Miss Glamouresse pageant. She is thrilled for the opportunity to represent the great state of Texas and its long, proud history of incorporating lethal weapons with higher art forms. She is equally pleased to promote her twin platforms on social consciousness, Pistols for Preteens and ReFAG (Revolvers for American Gays), because we all deserve to feel safe and empowered.... even our homosexual friends! Kitty Bob would like to thank her daddy, Jerry Bob, and her mama, Cherry Bob, for their unending love, support, and bank account. Yeehaw y'all!!!

Jim Lindsay (Director; Co-choreographer) returns to CTC after playing Juror #8 in the acclaimed 12 Angry Men in 2012. Recently, he directed another standout production: Austin Theatre Project's The Rocky Horror Show as well as many iterations of its New Year's Gala, Bending Broadway. At the Wimberley Playhouse, Jim directed and choreographed You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. As an actor, Jim has garnered about 100 roles over the last 35 years in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Texas, including two Broadway try-outs. Some recently notable roles include Lord Evelyn Oakley in Anything Goes and Don Lockwood in Singin' in the Rain (Georgetown Palace), Mickey in Blood Brothers (TSP), and of course 2 different roles in Pageant for Uptown Players and Crossroads Theatre in Dallas. As always, for David.

Laura Louise Lund (Choreographer) began choreography when she recreated her ballet recital with the neighborhood children at the age of 5. Her dance career includes local dance companies, the University of Texas "Longhorn Luvs", TUTS, Houston and The Austin City Showgirls. She is currently a performer and choreographer for a local burlesque troupe, The Bat City Bombshells. Theatre credits include: *The Rocky Horror Show* (Austin Theatre Project, Dance Captain), *The Will Rogers Follies* (Georgetown Palace Theatre) and *Guys and Dolls* (Archangel Community Theatre). Working with Jim Lindsay on a musical about pageants, a life-long obsession, is a dream come true. Laura would like to thank Jim for his leadership, enthusiasm, character and friendship. The cast has been an inspiration as they have blossomed from talented performers in to crown-worthy pageant pros. Let the beauty begin!

**Rachel Hoovler (Music Director)** is a proud graduate of Southwestern University ('12) with a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. She returned to SU in 2012 as the Music Director for *A Year with Frog and Toad* and again in 2014 as the Vocal Director of *Gypsy*. You may have seen her on stage in Austin as Sue Snell in *Carrie: The Musical* and Sally in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at Wimberley Playhouse. She will be relocating to Chicago later this summer to continue to pursue her career in theatre! She would like to thank her incredible parents and her best friend, Kristi King, for their unwavering love and support. She is so proud of this team and especially of these lovely ladies. :)

**Julianne Plantes (Stage Manager)** is proud to be on the team for her first City Theatre show. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree at St. Edward's University in Counseling Psychology, but has maintained her passion for theatre. Having performed in numerous productions at UT before graduating in 2014, she is looking forward to seeing what it's like "behind the scenes" for *Pageant*. It's been such a joy for her to be a part of this process and she can't wait for the many laughs to be had during the show. Many thanks to Jim for this opportunity and for Laura, Rachel, and the cast for being so amazing and fun. Break a leg, ladies! ndy Berkovsky (Artistic Director) is a drama graduate of Sam Houston State nd a three - time Austin B. Iden Payne nominee for Outstanding Director (The oys Next Door, Glengarry Glen Ross and Agnes of God.) Andy began City heatre in 2006 and has directed Frozen, Into the Woods, Laughter on the 23rd loor, Cabaret, Reckless, Of Mice and Men, Rumors, The Miracle Worker, ome Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean and Steel Magnolias. He has been involved in theatre arts as performer, director, horeographer, designer, and teacher for over thirty-five years and has worked with Texas theatre companies The Hilton Dinner Theatre, Theatre under the tars, Stages, and Miller Outdoor Theatre. He has directed on the stages of the JT Bass Concert Hall, SHSU, West Texas A&M University and Victoria College. He has taught classes and workshops at SHSU, West Texas A&M, Austin Lyric Opera, and is twice honored as a Texas state champion director in one-act play competition. He was recently honored as 2015 Best Director by the Central Excellence in Live Theatre Awards. Andy is thrilled to serve as Artistic Director and to work with such outstanding theatre professionals in Austin.

### **Congratulations to City Theatre!**

### Winner of three 2015 Central Texas Excellence in Theatre Awards

Best Production – Love! Valour! Compassion! Best Direction – Andy Berkovsky, Love Alone Best Actor in a Play – Kirk Kelso, Love! Valour! Compassion!

### Winner of three 2015 Broadway World – Austin Awards

Best Play – Love! Valour! Compassion! Best Direction of a Play - Matthew Burnett Love! Valour! Compassion! Best Leading Actor in a Play – Kirk Kelso Love! Valour! Compassion!

Want to join the City Theatre team? Show Designers, Production Team Members, and House Crew Volunteers needed this summer. Put a little theatre in your life! **Boyce Templin** (Miss West Coast) is pleased as punch to be making his debut at The City Theatre in this hysterically over the top show. A recent transplant from Knoxville, Tennessee, he made his Austin theatrical debut swinging through the jungle as Tarzan in Disney's *Tarzan* at the Georgetown Palace Theater. Other favorite roles include Rooster Hannigan in *Annie* and Dr. Frank N' Furter in *Rocky Horror Show*. No stranger to female roles, he has portrayed a beautiful bombshell on Snapped: Killer Couples. Singing and dancing his way across the globe, Boyce has performed at Dollywood in Sevierville, TN, in Elspe, Germany at the Elspe Music Festival, and even danced with Chante Moore at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.

**Miss West Coast** (Karma Quinn) is totally psyched to be living out her fourth re-incarnation as a beauty queen. She started this life as a child Tarot card reading prodigy on the sun-soaked beaches of Venice, California. While studying the art of reading avocado peels at UC Berkeley, she became a devout follower of Guru Sri Chinmoy adopting the motto that we all seek to lead lives full of true satisfaction and good "karma." She would like to thank her many crystals for their love, light, and direction. May we meet again as snails in the Garden of Eden.

#### The screamingly funny, gleefully twisted, outof-this-world musical coming this summer!



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Your gift is greatly appreciated? Show dates August 19 — September 11 James Springer (Miss Deep South) is so excited to be making his City Theatre debut as Miss Deep South in Pageant. Some recent shows include *First Date* (Austin Theater Project), *Other Desert Cities* (The Wimberley Playhouse), *Catch Me If You Can* (WP), *'Til Death Do Us Part* (WP), *Nuncrackers!* (Emily Ann Theatre), *Nunsense!* (Gaslight Baker Theater), *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (WP), and *She Loves Me* (WP). When not enjoying his time in the theatre world, James works with his students at Clint Small Middle School. He would like to thank you all for coming to this performance. Enjoy the show!

**Miss Deep South** (Laurinda Jean Summerford) is thrilled to be representing Dixie Land in the Miss Glamouresse 2016 Pageant. She is currently top of her class at Miss Frink's Female Academy, where she is studying Home Economics and Cancer Research. She is also the President of the Delta Theta chapter of her sorority, Alpha Delta Pie. She has the leadership skills of a future president, but the elegance, grace, style, and class of a future first lady. When not at school, she resides in Valdosta, GA with her two basset hounds, Ace and Jack. She hopes to win tonight's crown and then meet her king so that she will have a full house!

Michael Wheeler (Miss Great Plains) is excited to be making his woman/heel/wig/fake-eyelash/city theatre debut. Michael has been performing in Austin for the past year and a half and has been featured at TexArts, the VORTEX, Wimberley Players, ZACH Theatre, Georgetown Palace, and the University of Texas at Austin. Up next, Michael will be performing at the Long Center with Summer Stock Austin in their Summer Season and attending Otterbein University to obtain his BFA in Musical Theatre. Often, he reflects on the life choices that made him a woman here today. He regrets very little. Much love to Dale and Skeeter for their friendship and support.

**Miss Great Plains** (Bonnie Louise Cutlett) was born in Des Moines, Iowa, however, currently resides at a social anxiety and mental disorders rehabilitation center in Montana. Among hundreds, she was selected for a new treatment plan involving beauty pageants. Her doctors claim beauty pageants will boost her self-esteem in an effort to combat her severe anxiety. It is not working. In fact, since her pageant debut, Bonnie has lost 55lbs and can longer distinguish herself in photographs. Bonnie has been a strict vegan since 7th grade, when she was forced to play the back-half of milky white in a middle-school production of Into The Woods. Her favorite movie is Stephen King's "Children of The Corn" because it reminds her of home.

#### A Note from the Director.

I dimly recall – while growing up in New York, with my student ticket or comp in hand for some Broadway show - dashing across W44th Street and passing the Blue Angel Theatre. From the street, I could see the small stage and the Cabaret style environment. I would think, "Why is that man dressed up like a Pageant contestant?" I was 12. No one could have predicted that those stolen glimpses into the theatre would plant a seed for a love affair with a musical I would not think about until 18 years later. While playing Miss Great Plains at the Crossroads Theatre in Dallas, Pageant became more than a show to do. It was a juggernaut. Over sold shows; added performances, and a win for Best Musical that year. Six years later, before concluding my time in Dallas, I played Miss Industrial Northeast for Uptown Players. Another runaway hit. Another nomination for Best Musical. A benefit performance for the theatre. Pageant was what people wanted to see. For those of you who know pageants, you will see some favorites encoded into the show: send-ups to Bert Parks, a little bit of Regis, echoes of bizarre talents, and lots and lots of natural beauty.

This show is my Blue – and in this case, pink – Angel. Long before Miss Teen South Carolina taught the world about "the Iraq, such as..." a small but mighty musical about the fun, silly, outlandish word of pageantry was born. And thankfully, it lives on. Some images never leave our minds. Because of what Pageant became for me, I will never forget that image of glancing into that theatre's front door and seeing Miss Bible Belt present herself to a doubled-over audience. As with all well-sculpted works of art, the final product begins with a single image. From that image comes the experience you will have this evening.

Let the Beauty Begin!

### Production Crew.

Production Director – Jim Lindsay Stage Manager – Julianne Plantes Choreography – Laura Lund and Jim Lindsay Costume Design – Bert Flanagan Wardrobe Supervisor – Dawn Erin Hair Design – Christina Little-Manley Set Design and Lighting – Andy Berkovsky Set Assistant – John Kolkhorst Stage Crew – Anna Springer, Charlotte Crary and Stephanie Morris Scenic Painting – Jennifer Cunningham House and Box Office Management – Kate Knapek Publicity Design – Omar Phoenix Show Photography – Dave Inman

A <u>Special Show Thanks</u> to Bryce Rafferty, Carver Museum, Pete Munoz Coy Covington, Kirkwerks Training Studio, Uptown Players, Dallas Charlotte Crary, Anna Springer, Becky Squyres, and John Kolkhorst.

And our friends who "phoned it in" - Kristi Brawner, Haley Smith Laura Galt-Suavely, Ann Pittman, and Sam Watson.

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