

# Watching The Miss America Pageant: A Classic American Tradition

The Miss America Pageant is an annual competition that has been held since 1921. It is one of the most prestigious and well-known pageants in the world, and it has been a part of American culture for generations. The pageant is open to young women between the ages of 17 and 25 who have won their state's pageant. The contestants compete in a variety of categories, including swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and interview. The winner of the pageant is crowned Miss America and serves as a goodwill ambassador for the United States.

## History of the Miss America Pageant

The Miss America Pageant was founded in 1921 by a group of businessmen in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The pageant was originally called the "Inter-City Beauty Contest," and it was held as a way to attract tourists to the city. The first pageant was held on September 8, 1921, and the winner was Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C.



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The pageant quickly became a popular event, and it was soon moved to a larger venue. In 1935, the pageant was renamed the "Miss America Pageant," and it began to be held annually. The pageant has been held in Atlantic City every year since 1933, except for 1942-1944, when it was held in New York City due to World War II.

### **Significance of the Miss America Pageant**

The Miss America Pageant is a significant cultural event in the United States. It is a celebration of beauty, intelligence, and talent, and it has been a part of American culture for generations. The pageant has also been a source of inspiration for many young women, and it has helped to promote the ideals of beauty and achievement.

The Miss America Pageant has also been a platform for social and political change. In 1956, Sarah Weddington became the first African-American woman to compete in the pageant. In 1968, Vanessa Williams became the first African-American woman to win the pageant. These victories were significant steps forward for the civil rights movement, and they helped to break down barriers of race and discrimination.

### **Evolution of the Miss America Pageant**

The Miss America Pageant has evolved over the years, and it has changed to reflect the changing values of American society. In the early years of the pageant, the emphasis was on physical beauty. However, over time, the pageant has become more focused on intelligence, talent, and personality.

Today, the pageant is open to women of all races, religions, and backgrounds, and it is a celebration of diversity and inclusion.

The Miss America Pageant has also evolved in terms of its format. In the early years, the pageant was a one-night event. However, over time, the pageant has become a week-long event, and it now includes a variety of preliminary competitions and events. The pageant is also now televised live, and it is watched by millions of people around the world.

The Miss America Pageant is a time-honored tradition that celebrates the beauty, intelligence, and talent of young women across the United States. The pageant has been a part of American culture for generations, and it has evolved over the years to reflect the changing values of our society. The Miss America Pageant is a celebration of diversity, inclusion, and achievement, and it continues to be a source of inspiration for young women around the world.



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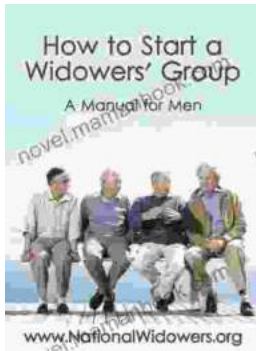
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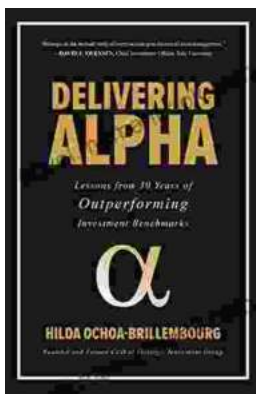
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