



**THE 2016 MISS TEEN USA® COMPETITION
TO TAKE PLACE AT THE VENETIAN LAS VEGAS, SATURDAY, JULY 30**

**MISS TEEN USA® PRELIMINARY SHOW AND FINALS WILL STREAM LIVE
ON [WWW.MISSTEENUSA.COM](http://www.missteenusa.com) FROM THE VENETIAN THEATRE**

New York, NY – June 27, 2016 – The Miss Universe Organization announced today that the 2016 MISS TEEN USA® Competition will stream live from The Venetian® Las Vegas on Saturday, July 30. Additionally, the MISS TEEN USA® Preliminary Show will be held at The Venetian on Friday, July 29.

“The Venetian in Las Vegas is the perfect location for the Miss Teen USA pageant and we are delighted to bring this event to our resort for the first time,” said George Markantonis, president and chief operating officer of The Venetian, The Palazzo and Sands Expo. “Not only will the contestants enjoy our world-class shopping, dining and entertainment, but their families and friends will be able to participate in our unique resort experience in this thrilling city.”

The competition will be held at The Venetian Theatre which has been described as one of the most gorgeous venues in Las Vegas, having been inspired by the *Opéra Garnier* in Paris, the most revered opera house in the world. Originally home to “PHANTOM – The Las Vegas Spectacular,” the theatre is now host to The Venetian’s musical residency program, including John Fogerty, the Moody Blues, and Diana Ross.

During their time in Las Vegas, the Miss Teen USA contestants will enjoy The Venetian and The Palazzo as well as activities that include a gondola ride on the resort’s Grand Canal. The contestants will also participate in a charity project with the Nevada Project for Homeless Youth. To learn more about this year’s Miss Teen USA contestants, please visit, <http://www.missuniverse.com/missteenusa/members/contestants>.

MISS TEEN USA® will feature contestants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Katharine Haik, Miss Teen USA 2015, will crown her successor at the conclusion of the event. Fans are encouraged to download the new Miss U app to receive behind-the-scenes content of the competition.

Tickets to the 2016 MISS TEEN USA® Welcome Reception, Preliminary Competition, and Finals are now on sale. To purchase tickets, please visit, <http://www.venetian.com/entertainment/events/miss-teen-usa.html>. Tickets to attend the competition in person are available at the resort’s box office.

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ABOUT THE MISS UNIVERSE ORGANIZATION

The Miss Universe Organization (MUO) uses its global grassroots reach to empower women to be self-confident and strive to be their personal best. MUO believes that every woman should be “Confidently Beautiful.” The MISS UNIVERSE®, MISS USA®, and MISS TEEN USA® pageants provide an international platform through dedicated partnerships with charities, sponsors, and brands around the world. During their reign, the titleholders are given the tools to personally and professionally enrich others by providing humanitarian efforts to affect positive change, all while developing their personal career goals. For more information, and to learn more about The Miss Universe Organization’s official causes around the world, please visit: www.missuniverse.com.

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ABOUT THE VENETIAN® LAS VEGAS

Located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, The Venetian Las Vegas features all-suite accommodations, exquisite restaurants by celebrity chefs and world-class entertainment and shopping. The luxury resort offers 4,028 elegant suites, including standard suites that are nearly double the size of the average Las Vegas hotel room. The Venetian is home to restaurants from celebrated chefs including Wolfgang Puck, Mario Batali, Thomas Keller, Daniel Boulud, Emeril Lagasse and Buddy “Cake Boss” Valastro. The resort also features Canyon Ranch SpaClub; a five-acre pool and garden deck; TAO nightclub; the Grand Canal Shoppes retail and dining mecca; a 120,000-square-foot casino and The Strip’s largest poker room; and more than 2.25 million square feet of meeting and convention space. For more information, visit venetian.com, [@venetianvegas](https://www.instagram.com/venetianvegas) and [facebook.com/venetianlasvegas](https://www.facebook.com/venetianlasvegas). The Venetian Las Vegas is a property of global integrated resorts developer Las Vegas Sands Corp. (NYSE: LVS).

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