



Los Angeles/San Gabriel

LOCATION

Located in the heart of San Gabriel just east of downtown Los Angeles and a few miles south of Pasadena, the Rose Bowl, Santa Anita Race Surrounded by dining, shopping and sightseeing - including world famous museums, Frack and the Historic Mission San Gabriel Archangel. theatres, art galleries, sports venues and them parks.

FACILITIES & SERVICES

30,025 sq. ft. of function space to accommodate up to 1,500 people 12,254 sq. ft. Grand Ballroom with seating capacity of over 1,200 guests Garden Terrace for private functions and wedding ceremonies 20 multi-function rooms 222 guestrooms including 27 suites Trinity Restaurant – Western/Asian fusion cuisine Jason's Lobby Lounge Room Service Fitness Center 24-hour Business Center 24-hour Business Center Heated outdoor pool and whirlpool spa Adjacent to shopping center with over 50 shops Complete conference services staff and audio-visual team High speed internet access in all meeting rooms



Non-smoking and accessible rooms available



程序Program

主持: Catherine Yu, Peter Chen

- 1. 大會致詞 田詒鴻 Welcome by Alan Thian, Chairman of Miss Taiwanese American Committee
- 2. 開幕舞 Opening Dance by Miss Taiwanese American 2013 Finalists
- 3. 主辦單位致詞 王梅鳳董事長 Welcome by President Mei Feng Tsai, Chairwoman of Taiwan Center Foundation
- 4. 貴賓致詞 台北駐洛杉磯經濟文化辦事處龔中誠處長 Remarks by TECO Consul General, Chung-Cheng Kung
- 5. 介紹評審 主持人/Introduction of Judges by Catherine Yu, Peter Chen
- 6. 準台美小姐自我介紹/Self-Introduction by Contestants
- 7. 準台美小姐才藝表演/Talent Competition
- 8. 準台美小姐機智問題/Questions and Answers
- 9. 晚會表演/Performance 舞蹈:白牡丹-Joyce Kang 小提琴鋼琴雙重奏 - Ching Ming Cheng & Paul Lee 百老匯明星演唱 - Welly Yang
- 10. 2012年台美皇后卸任巡禮/The Queen Walk of 2012 Miss Taiwanese American
- 11. 2013年台美小姐加冕/Presentation of 2013 Miss Taiwanese American



董事長的話

Jaiwan Center - Chairperson's Message

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone that came tonight. Thank you for your support of 2013 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant. I was so honored to be the 2009 Chairwoman of this event, and I realized how meaningful the pageant is. Every single year, our beautiful and talented Miss Taiwanese Americans serve as community liaisons or volunteers to promote Taiwan and Taiwanese culture. I am so proud and impressed of what they did and will do.

We have a lot of ladies showing their interests in this event. That means we have been appreciated by the Taiwanese American Community. However, only a certain number of them can be finalists. Tonight, we have 14 ladies and

in my mind, they are all winners. After 2 months' intensive training, you get to learn more about pageant itself and how to be an ambassador of Taiwanese Americans. With your intelligence, courage, beauty and talent, we know you will take pride in Taiwan's unique identity and heritage and be the best to promote Taiwan.

Lastly, I want to thank you for all our special guests, our sponsors. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish anything. The dedication from many people make this event successful. Thank you Chairman, Alan Thian, CEO, Catherine Yu, and all committee members. Don't forget the board members of the Taiwan Center, our hard-working judges, excellent performing artists, and all the volunteers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you and enjoy tonight!

Chairperson, Taiwan Center Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, Mei Feng Tsai

一年一度台灣會館所主辦台美小姐選拔賽是非常重要的大事。感謝今年的總召集人田詒鴻 副董事長所組成的團隊,經過半年精心策劃、開會;今天將以最佳的成果呈現給各位觀賞。

台灣會館為什麼要主辦台美小姐之選拔?因為我們認為立足美國,向美國推銷台灣文化, 需要有外在美、內在美兼俱的台美人來主導,她們的智慧、氣質、內涵必須是優秀的,而且 了解台灣的情勢,讓主流社會對台灣有美好的印象,台灣和中國是不一樣的國家,台灣人的 特質是高水準的。

我非常高興今年有將近40位參選者。經過初選,雖然只有十四位佳麗可以參加決選,但您 們的勇氣及智慧令人佩服,希望有機會您們能多多參與台灣會館的活動

,為台灣做出最好的國民外交,向美國社會人士推廣台灣文化。

最後感謝各位今天的參加,您們的支持是我們最大的鼓勵,同時也謝謝 今年的贊助廠商,公司行號及個人的捐款。希望台灣會館愈辦愈好,不辜 負大家所望。

大洛杉磯台灣會館基金會董事長 王梅鳳

隐召集人的話

Chair's Message

Thank you for your generous support of the 2013 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant tonight!

Miss Taiwanese American Pageant is one of major events of our local Taiwanese community and of the Taiwan Center of Greater Los Angeles. This is event showcases the outstanding Taiwan contestants who embody Taiwanese culture, heritage and traditional values, promoting understanding among the multi culture communities via active participation in the Taiwanese-Americans activities.



Let me thank not only all the directors of the Taiwan Center, and the sponsors of this event, the judges and the Pageant Committee members, but also and very importantly our volunteers. Without their dedication and hard work, we would not able to host this special and memorable event.

As in previous years, I remind you that all our contestants have gone through vigorous training focusing on the tradition and character of Taiwanese women, Taiwan History, Culture. As a result, we strongly believe that these young women will promote a greater understanding and awareness of the beauty and grandeur of Taiwan!

Thank you ALL and I wish you all good health and good luck.

Chairman of 2013 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant Committee - Alan Thian

謝謝大家熱烈支持2013年台美小姐的決選盛會!

台美小姐選拔是大洛杉磯台灣會館基金會最盛大的活動之一,其主要精神在於加強台灣優秀的年輕佳麗擁有及表現出台灣文化與傳統,並鼓勵台灣優秀的年輕佳麗積極參加台美社區的公益活動,宣揚台灣文化及傳統價值。

台美小姐的決選盛會得於順利舉行,除感謝台灣會館基金會及其所有董事外,對於指導老師、評審及表演藝術家們,更是由衷地感謝。當然我們更要謝謝那些出錢出力的活動贊助商及無私奉獻的工作人員(義務服務),沒有您們的大力支持及參與,我們無法順利圓滿地舉辦此項活動。

今年的集訓課程,我們加強對台灣歷史、文化及旅遊的內容,提供給佳麗們認識、學習,並積極參與台美社團各項活動,提昇台灣知名度。我們堅信此項活動會激勵所有參與的佳麗以台灣為榮!

最後,謹祝大家身體健康、萬事如意。

2013年合美小姐選拔委員會總召集人 田詥鴻

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第二公主 2nd Princess 鄭聿廷Tiffany Cheng



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2012 Miss Taiwanese American Court



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2012-Miss Taiwanese American Ambassadors



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2013 Training Coaches



Susie Chen陳西園 - Ms. Susie Chen has had the passion for dance since her childhood. She would eventually graduate from Taiwan Tainan Women's College of Art & Technology with a degree in dance. Since then, she has taught, performed and competed all around the States and Taiwan. Once a choreographer for background dancers for celebrities such as Fei Yu-Ching and Jolin Tsai, Ms. Chen continues to spread her passion for dance through her many students with 35 years of experience of teaching under her belt.

陳西園老師從小就對舞蹈非常熱衷。她畢業於台灣台南的女子藝術大學舞蹈系,從那時開始,她便開始在美國及台灣做舞蹈的教學和表演。她曾經擔任費玉清、蔡依林等明星的幕後編舞。陳老師做舞蹈教學長達35年,充分表現出她對舞蹈的熱情。

Tina Shih 施雅婷·施雅婷鑑於當今世界已經成了一個地球村,現代社會人與人接觸頻繁,日漸重視個人形象美儀及人際關係禮節,乃投身於美姿美儀教育工作。秉持著美的理念,憑藉在美國的教育專業素養,多年來在南加州社團和社區從事美育教化,不但經常被各界邀約訪談及演講,獲得專業肯定,而且更促進了社區重視人際禮節及個人形象美儀。

資歷:

- *世界教育組織 (World Education Organization) 頒發2009年「亞太最佳傑出藝術家金爵獎」
- *世界教育組織 (World Education Organization) 美育專業美洲地區顧問
- *美國私立學校校長執照

簡歷

- *世界教育組織 (World Education Organization)主辦「美的教育」擔任專題講座及美洲地區顧問
- *中美電影節暨國際時尚超模大賽舞台總監
- *參與由中國主辦在北京舉行「首屆海峽兩岸文化藝術高峰會議」
- *指導演出LA晚會「花神」彩繪旗袍秀·歡迎台灣47位藝術家訪問團,國立國父紀念館 張館長及畫家奇奇茂大師領隊
- * 奧地利水晶名牌Swarovski大型珠寶禮服秀總監
- *美國紅十字會籌款義演彩繪旗袍秀模特兒舞台指導
- *國際衛星電視全美洲播出全年52集藝文節目主持人
- *美國著名模特兒演藝學校John Robert Powers大型服裝秀模特兒

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Catherine Yu 余佳霓 - A native of the beautiful coastal town of Taitung, Taiwan, Catherine was exposed to music, art, literature, dance, and figure skating at a young age. She came to the U.S. when she was 15 years old. She attended UC Irvine and received two BA degrees - one in Environmental Analysis and Design, the other in Studio Art, and completed a minor in Digital Arts. She then attended UCLA for a Master Degree in Urban Planning. Since graduation in 2004, she has been working full-time as an urban planner. She has been blessed by many unique life experiences, including competing in choral festivals in Hungary, performing in Europe with UCI Concert Choir, spending a summer with the Yami Tribe on Orchid Island in Taiwan to conduct her research, singing the US National Anthem at sports games, showcasing the Taiwanese language at a commencement ceremony at UCLA, having her painting published by the City of Los Angeles, skiing down snowy peaks, mastering Taekwondo kicks, and climbing the Half Dome in Yosemite with her husband. Despite her many hobbies, she loves volunteering for the Taiwanese American community the most. Among her proud highlights are singing and emceeing at various community events, winning the 2006 Miss Taiwan USA pageant, being a core artist in Formosart Art Exhibition in 2011, and serving as the CEO of the 2012 and 2013 Miss Taiwanese American Pageant.

A native of Taiwan, Dr. Cheng started her musical training at the age of 5. She won her first prize in Taipei Music Competition in her early teens and continued to receive many other awards. Dr. Cheng holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from National Taiwan Normal University, Master of Music degree and Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in Piano from University of Miami, granted the full teaching assistantship. Dr. Cheng also plays the double bass and has won many prizes in string competitions.Dr. Cheng has performed around the world including CSUSM, San Diego, Sunday Matinee in Taiwan, NTNU Music Festival, Humboldt State University, the MTAC conferences, Piano Texas Festival, Art Basel Festival and New World Symphony, Yamaha Concert Series, String Competition of American String Teachers Association, and Artist-In-Residence Series of NTNU in Taiwan. Dr. Cheng's faculty appointments include University of Miami, Barry University, New World School of the Arts, Humboldt State University and Humboldt Music Academy, National Taiwan Normal University, Fu-Jen Catholic University, and many master classes invited by professional associations.Dr. Ching-Ming Cheng is currently on the music faculty as an assistant professor of music at the California State University San Marcos.



JUDGE: Ching-Ming Cheng



Teddy Liaw has been an active 2nd generation leader in the Taiwanese American community for several years. He was the National President of the Taiwanese American Citizens League (TACL), National Chairman of TACL, created the TACL Leadership Conference program, and also was the Internship Coordinator for several years. He was the founder and 3-term President of Taiwanese American Professionals (TAP), the largest national network of Taiwanese American young professionals. He was recently appointed onto the San Francisco - Taipei Sister City Committee.

He graduated from UC Berkeley, where he served as the student body President, and received degrees in Business Administration and Ethnic Studies.

He currently is the CEO of Nexrep, a leading contact center for global cloud sourcing.

JUDGE: Teddy Liaw

Peggy Huang is CFO and Co-founder of TRENDnet, Inc., a leading manufacturer and developer of networking products worldwide.

Peggy was graduated National Chengchi University in Taiwan. Later she was received a M.A. at Arizona State University. Peggy was working for trading companies in Taiwan and Japanese Trading Company. She is familiar with International trading practice. With these experiences, it is helpful when she started TRENDnet Inc. with her husband – developing international business with TRENDnet products, establishing the branding image, and setting up business channels.

Recent years, Peggy is more concentrated in company's financial management. While TRENDnet is keeping its pace in growth, Peggy is managing to offer TRENDnet a steady financial support.

Besides as CFO at TRENDnet, Inc., Peggy is also a Director of Royal Business Bank, an American-Chinese bank.

Peggy Huang 是TRENDnet, Inc的共同創立者,目前擔任公司的財務長。Peggy 畢業於台灣政治大學,之後於亞利桑那州大學取得英語教學碩士。其間Peggy曾在台灣貿易公司,日本商社,工作内容嫻熟國際貿易的業務。這對日後與夫婿共同拓展國際業務,打開TRENDnet的知名度,和建立行銷管道有著不少的助益。

近年來·Peggy將重心轉移至財務管理·希冀TRENDnet在市場上衝鋒陷陣之際能替TRENDnet 舖妥一條穩實的後援。除了擔任TRENDnet的財務長·Peggy同時也是目前新興華資銀行-皇佳商業銀行(Royal Business Bank)的董事。



JUDGE: PEGGY HUANG

美容專家 / 七家分店

擁有專業美容執照,曾任電台、電視製作主持人,致力美學傳播, 全面性的以各種方式舉辦免費課程與美容活動,服務社區。 榮獲世界華人工商婦女企管協會南加州分會第二屆金冠獎(企業品 牌獎)。

獲得十幾家世界名牌化粧品、香水授權的華人代理。並榮獲Cle de Peau, Clinique, Christian Dior, Darphin, Estee Lauder, Guerian, Kose, La Prainie, Shiseido, SK_II品牌的銷售獎。以創導青春、健康、美麗人生為宗旨。



JUDGE: Ruby Kuo(蘇珈蒂)



JUDGE: Huai Shion Tsai(蔡蕙香)

Ms. Tsai Huai Shion, the President of Neo Art League, is from Tainan, Taiwan. She graduated with a design degree from Taiwan National University of Arts and studied at the University of California, Irvine. She is an artist by profession. Ms. Tsai has held several solo exhibitions, including exhibitions at the National Museum in Taichung, Taiwan, and the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. She has also held multiple joint exhibitions with other artists. Ms. Tsai's artworks are part of collections by Sun Ten Museum, Kaoshiung Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei Medical University Hospital and Medical College National Cheng Kung University, as well as private collections in the United Kingdom, United States, Japan and Taiwan. Lately, Ms. Tsai draws her inspiration from the people, events and other subjects that surround her, especially children and their innocence, purity and beauty.

專業畫家,新藝畫會會長。曾舉辦多次個展與聯展,並於臺中國家美術館與臺 北市立美術館受邀個展。作品獲得高雄市立美術館、順天美術館、臺北醫學院 、成大醫學院及英、美、日臺灣人士私人收藏。近期創作多取材於對周遭人、 事、物的關懷,尤其擅于對孩童的描繪,藉以表現人性的真、善、美。

While a political science honors student at Columbia University, Welly was chosen to play the lead role of Thuy in the original Broadway production of Miss Saigon (1993). Since then, he has performed on the great stages of the United States, Europe and Asia. He has starred in roles such as John Adams/Peter Sellars' Ceiling/Sky, Cole Porter's Aladdin, Off-Broaway's Falsettoland. As a singer, Welly has performed with the New York Philharmonic, National Taiwan Philharmonic, Singapore Symphony, and has recorded with Nonesuch Records and Sony Music Taiwan. In 1997, Yang founded the theater company Second Generation and co-wrote the musical Making Tracks. The musical broke box office records at the Village Theater in Seattle, San Jose Repertory Theater in California, and at Taiwan's National Theater in 2000. Yang also co-wrote and starred in the musical adaptation of Ang Lee's The Wedding Banquet with Pulitzer Award winning writer Brian Yorkey, which went on to critical acclaim in Singapore, Taipei, and Seattle. In 2005, Welly moved to Los Angeles, where he created and produced the Asian Excellence Awards on E! Entertainment, the first and only awards show to highlight the achievements of Asian American Artists.



JUDGE: Welly Yang(楊呈偉)

- 畢業於中國文化大學舞蹈音樂系, 專攻芭蕾舞, 民族舞及現代舞。
- 曾獲得全國現代舞冠軍,及無數的獎牌
- 曾代表台灣綜合藝術團出國巡迴演出
- 曾任舞蹈協會會長
- 善長舞蹈編導, 有三十多年舞蹈教學及評審經驗



JUDGE: 吳玉玲



JUDGE: 吳翠姬

吳翠姬,台灣台中人。生長於一個音樂世家,自幼音感奇佳,師長 發掘她在音樂上的特殊稟賦,從小學就被編入兒童音樂班,進而甄選 進了台中市立音樂天才兒童實驗班。

大學時期,拜師留日聲樂家李君重教授;得天獨厚的音樂天賦,加上名師的指導,及自己的勤奮努力,吳翠姬的歌藝,突飛猛進。因為對歌唱及舞台的熱愛,於是在台視導播推薦下,加入台視歌唱訓練班,成為台視歌星。從北台灣到南台灣的餐廳秀,場場爆滿。因擅長演唱多國語言及各種不同唱腔的歌曲,而有"千面女郎"的美譽。更以一曲連續劇主題曲"包青天"走紅。

曾玲美老師,台灣省台中市人,六歲習舞迄今仍教學相長,與舞蹈、表演藝術結下不解之緣。1988年加入美國華裔舞蹈協會,積極推廣各地方民族舞蹈,熱心參與各項公益活動。曾任教於中山、孔孟、哈崗等多所中文學校,擔任舞蹈指導老師多年。2003年與一群志趣相同的朋友成立亞裔才藝基金會,現為該會的舞蹈藝術總監及編導。



JUDGE: 曾鈴美

二〇一三年台美小姐決選誌慶

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暨會務顧問









































1 郭 芊 汝 Cheryl Koay

My mom and her Taiwanese family have always taught me to try my best to climb over obstacles, regardless of their height. While I attended the Orange County School of Arts, I participated in multiple forms of dance. Unfortunately, I soon suffered severe back injuries that forced me to take a break from dancing. I then made the decision to switch from the international dance conservatory to the integrated arts conservatory. Though I stopped dancing, that transition opened many opportunities, allowing me to continue my study of vocal and visual arts, giving me more time to volunteer at local libraries, and motivating me to pursue a career in physical therapy. If I were to represent the Taiwanese American population, I would show the world the Taiwanese perseverance to help them as it helped me. And through its positive effects, the world will view Taiwan for what it is-a beautiful country with much to contribute and worthy of recognition.











2 蔡欣庭 Annie Tsai

Born and raised in Southern California, I attended Walnut High School where I was Dance Team President. I recently graduated Phi Beta Kappa from University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in both Communication Studies and Economics. I was highly involved on campus with the Daily Bruin newspaper, Kappa Delta Sorority, UCLA Athletics, Campus Events Commission, and the award-winning Bruin Advertising and Marketing Team. My professional experience includes interning with reputable companies such as Allied-THA, bebe stores, inc., and most recently, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM). In my spare time, I enjoy dancing, baking, traveling, reading, and yoga. Looking back on my 22 years, growing up Taiwanese-American in a predominantly Asian community and spending countless summers in Taiwan has definitely shaped me into the person I am today. I am honored to be a Miss Taiwanese American Finalist and look forward to proudly representing and serving the Taiwanese community.













I was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Louisiana before moving to Southern California. No matter where we lived, my family has always been closely tied to the Taiwanese community. Because of this, I hold pride in my Taiwanese-American identity.

I currently attend the University of California, Santa Barbara, studying Linguistics and Pre-med with the future goals of attending medical school and becoming a physician. My heart goes out to the underprivileged and underserved communities. I am a medical scribe for Doctors Without Walls and work side-by-side with doctors and nurses to provide medical care to the homeless community in Santa Barbara.

My hobbies include horseback riding and painting. During my free time, I also go to the Rehabilitation Hospital and play violin for the patients during their dinner hour.

I am honored to be a finalist in the Miss Taiwanese-American pageant and look forward to representing my Taiwanese heritage to the surrounding community.









4 楊芳儀 Annelise Yang

My name is Annelise Yang and I recently graduated from Chapman University with a B.A. in Communication Studies and a minor in Psychology. I hope to pursue a career in talent management. During my time at Chapman, I held a leadership position in a social sorority (Gamma Phi Beta), was an active member of a business fraternity (Alpha Kappa Psi), and a member of the Speech and Debate Team. During my time on the Speech and Debate Team, I won numerous awards at multiple tournaments as well as being invited to compete nationally. In addition, I have been singing for almost 20 years, played piano for over 10 years, and when I can, I enjoy taking hip-hop dance classes.

I am honored to be a finalist in the Ms. Taiwanese American pageant and am looking forward to spreading awareness of the unique and amazing Taiwanese culture to the rest of society.







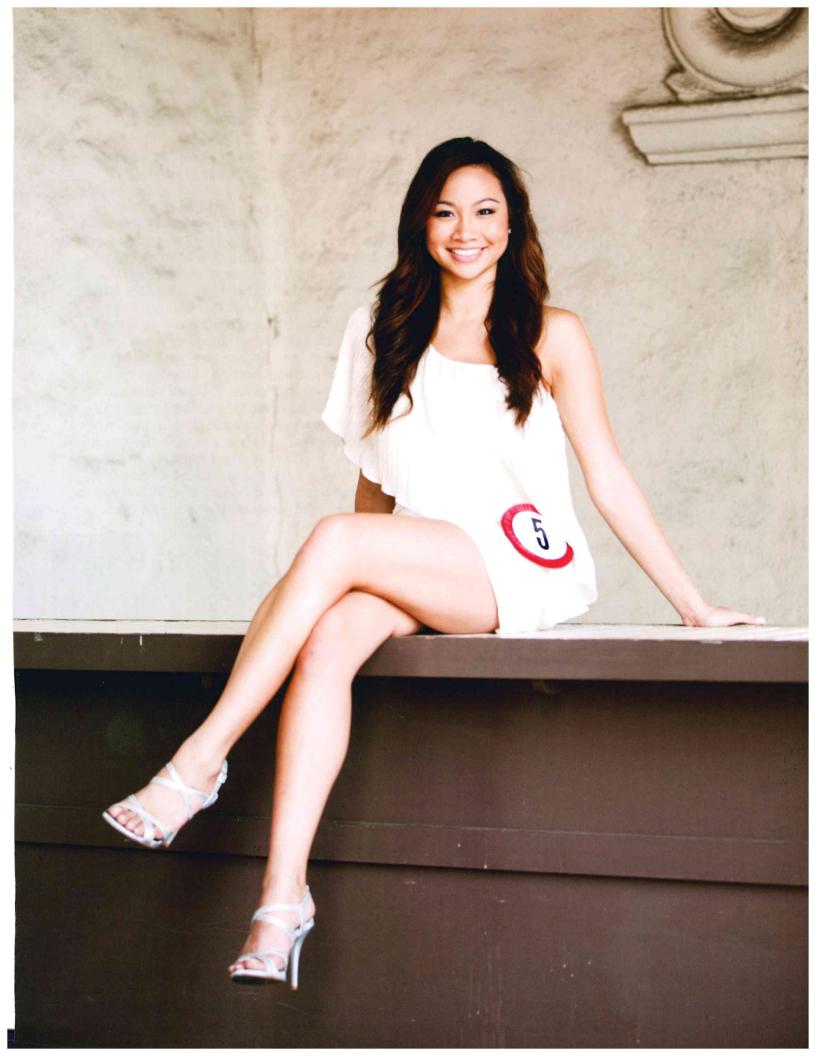




Born and raised in Orange County, I recently graduated from Valencia High School and will be attending the University of California, Davis this coming fall. I will be studying communications to pursue my dream of becoming an investigative journalist and news reporter. As an active member of the community, I have traveled to DongPu, Taiwan along with my church for a mission trip, I served as my high school's Interact president and I was also a fouryear member and a captain of my dance team. Along with community service and dance, my passions include hiking, yoga, jogging, bike riding, and traveling. As the daughter of parents who immigrated from Taiwan, Taiwan has always been a large influence in my life and I am not only honored to have the privilege of representing Taiwan in this pageant, but I am also looking forward to the many learning opportunities that will come with it.









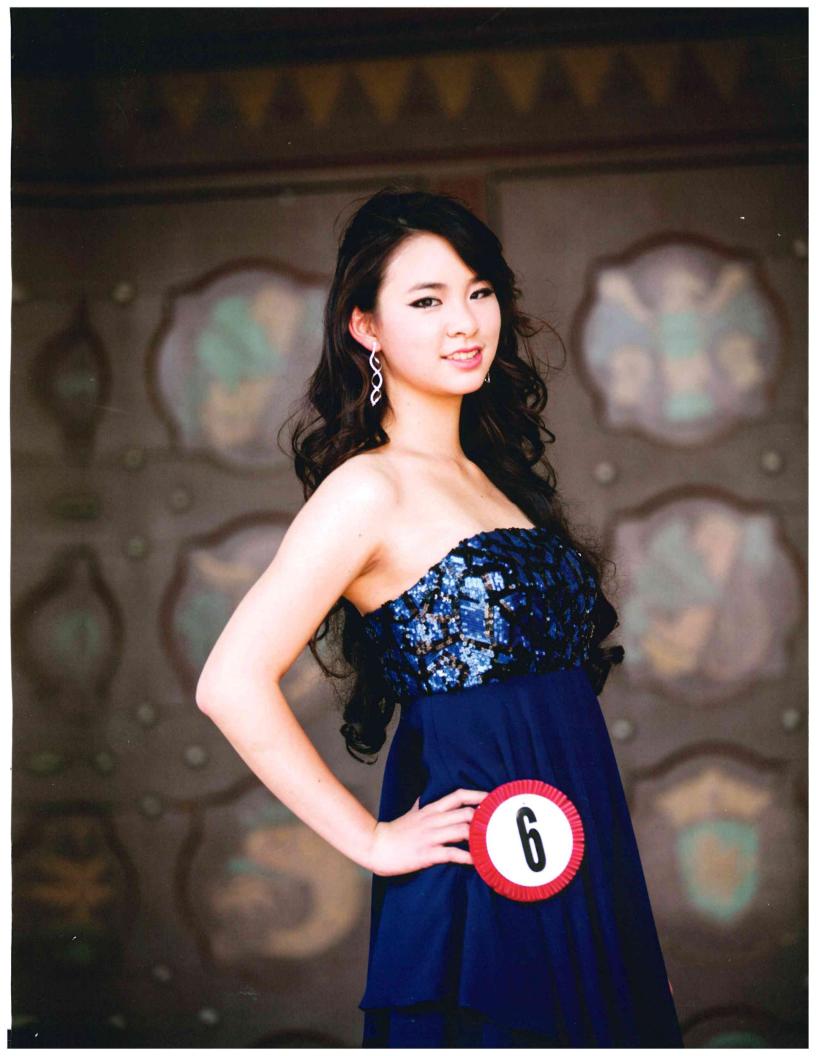




6 陳品蓁 Jessica Chen

Currently, I am 16 and a senior at Palos Verdes High School. I enjoy painting, eating, the outdoors, travelling, and overall, experiencing new things. Throughout my life, my many experiences created who I am today. Knowing Mandarin, Spanish and English has allowed me to teach a toddlers class at South Bay Chinese School and communicate with people I otherwise couldn't. Interning at Harbor-UCLA BioMed and CMDIR, researching muscular dystrophy, has furthered my passion in the medical sciences. As a Taiwanese American, I have been able to uncover my passion in the Taiwanese culture through influences from family and close friends. Their influence has led me to create a Junior Taiwanese American Student Association branch in my school where I am able to showcase and promote the beauty of Taiwan to my community. I constantly strive to be a better leader and representative of the Taiwanese American community. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to do just that.







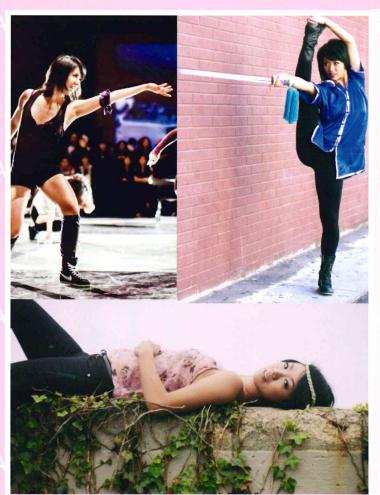
7 司如意 Sabrina Szu

My name is Sabrina Szu, born and raised in St. George, Utah. I moved to California permanently when I was eleven and began middle school. I am currently sixteen years old and a rising junior at Harvard-Westlake. At school I am a student ambassador and one of the founders of a community service project in Chinatown where we have opened a library for the children. In my free time, I paint and do yoga. This year, after ten years of playing piano, I have passed my last level of piano and am currently focusing on my last years of high school. I hope by being one of the finalists in the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant, I can give back to both the American community I have grown up in and the Taiwanese community here in California by doing community service projects and conveying the beauty and culture of Taiwan I have seen to everyone in my community.









8 吳幸容 Erin Wu

Born in Taipei, I moved to Ohio when I was three months old, then to San Jose. I recently graduated from UCLA Sociology major with a Theater Minor. I love to dance, ice skate, and perform Kung Fu. I enjoy freestyling and choreographing Hip hop, Samba, Chinese Traditional Dance, and Modern dance. I directed UCLA's dance team, Samahang Modern 2010-2012 and performed with D.S.C at World of Dance Los Angeles 2012. I represented UCLA's Wushu team and won 1st place in Straight Sword at Collegiates 2011. I also performed Chinese traditional dance in SF's Ethnic Festival. I wish to spark change through the arts, empowering women and inspiring kids. I'm passionate about performing for a cause: dancing with Future Shock San Jose Hip hop troupe to promote awareness for Diabetes, Aids, Gay Pride Parade, D.A.R.E, Kenya Dance, etc. I'm currently auditioning as a dancer and actress, and I dream of fighting alongside Jet Li.











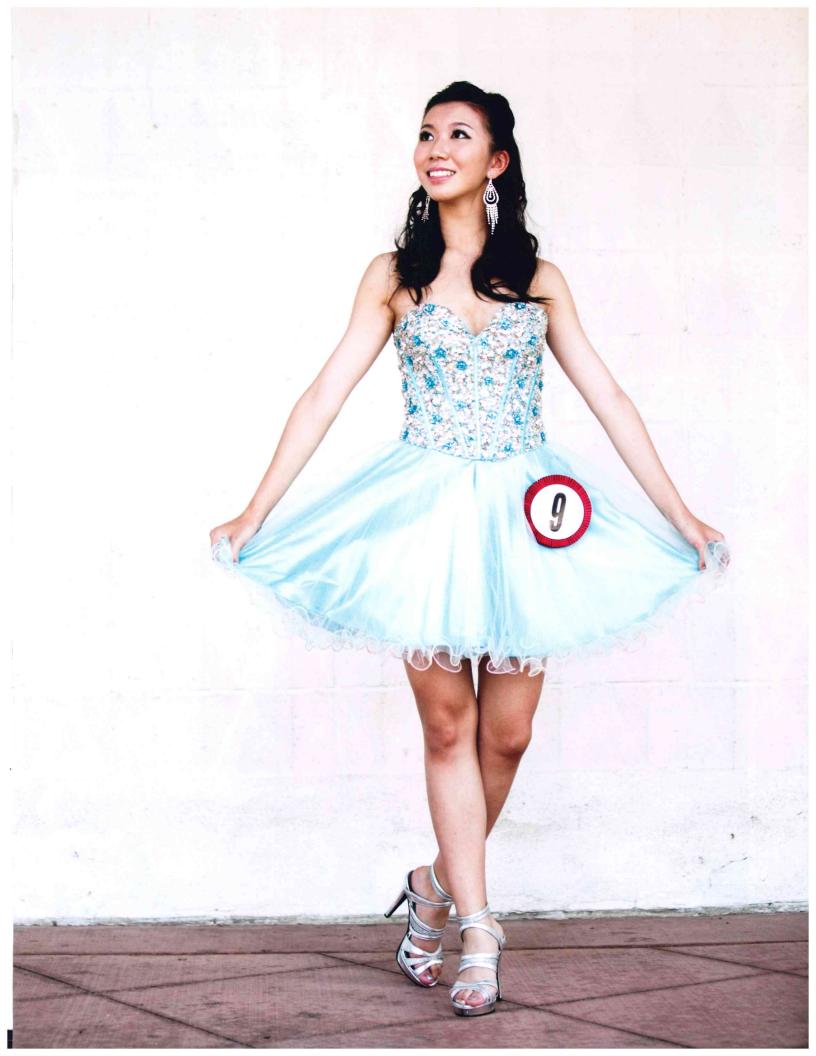


9 李曼嘉 Irene Lee

As a dance accompanist for my sister at the 2012 pageant, I am extremely honored to be an advocate this year for Taiwan. I am 16 and currently attending an arts student majoring in visual arts. I was born in Taipei and moved to southern California at age 3. I am proud of my heritage, and it is my passion to present my culture to the community. I am a Chinese folk dance instructor at NOCCS, VP of Operations of Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors, and winner in several SCCCS competitions including poetry recitation. My hobbies include ballet, piano, fashion designing, and modeling. I am the VP of the French Honors Society and the president of the Take a Part in Art organization. Recently, I won the grand prize of a statewide film competition that I donated entirely to Filamujuani, a film school for underprivileged students in Kenya. I aspire to pursue biology and become a pediatrician.









10 司如芊 Sophia Szu

Raised in a Taiwanese family in St. George, Utah has always made me especially protective over my culture. Now, almost at my junior year at Harvard-Westlake high school, I am appreciative of my spectrum of experiences that have made me who I am today.

At school, I am part of peer support, an ambassador, and active in community service. Last summer, I received a President's award recognizing my contribution to the Chinese community in Chinatown where I tutor underprivileged Elementary school children. I dedicate my time and efforts to painting which I earned international recognition in, dancing, playing piano, and studying modern music. I am fluent in Chinese and English and have been learning French for five years at school. I am so blessed to be competing in the Miss Taiwanese American Pageant and I hope that I can put my best foot forward to shed light on the importance of our significant nation of Taiwan!













11 謝孟穎 Jasmine Hsieh

I was born and raised in Temecula, California and am currently majoring in Sociology at UCLA. I am a member of Sigma Eta Pi, a professional coed entrepreneurship fraternity and am a patent pending inventor of an advanced personal protection device. Aside from entrepreneurial endeavors, my passions include dancing, singing, culinary arts, philanthropy work, and interacting with the youth and the elderly community.

As a representative of the Taiwanese American community and a dual citizen of Taiwan and America, I feel a duty to bridge the Taiwanese culture and the American culture by bringing the best features of both to light in a continuous cultural exchange.

I am thankful for the support of my friends and family over the years, and it is truly an honor to be a finalist in this Miss Taiwanese American pageant. I look forward to the ambassadorial work and community outreach that follows.







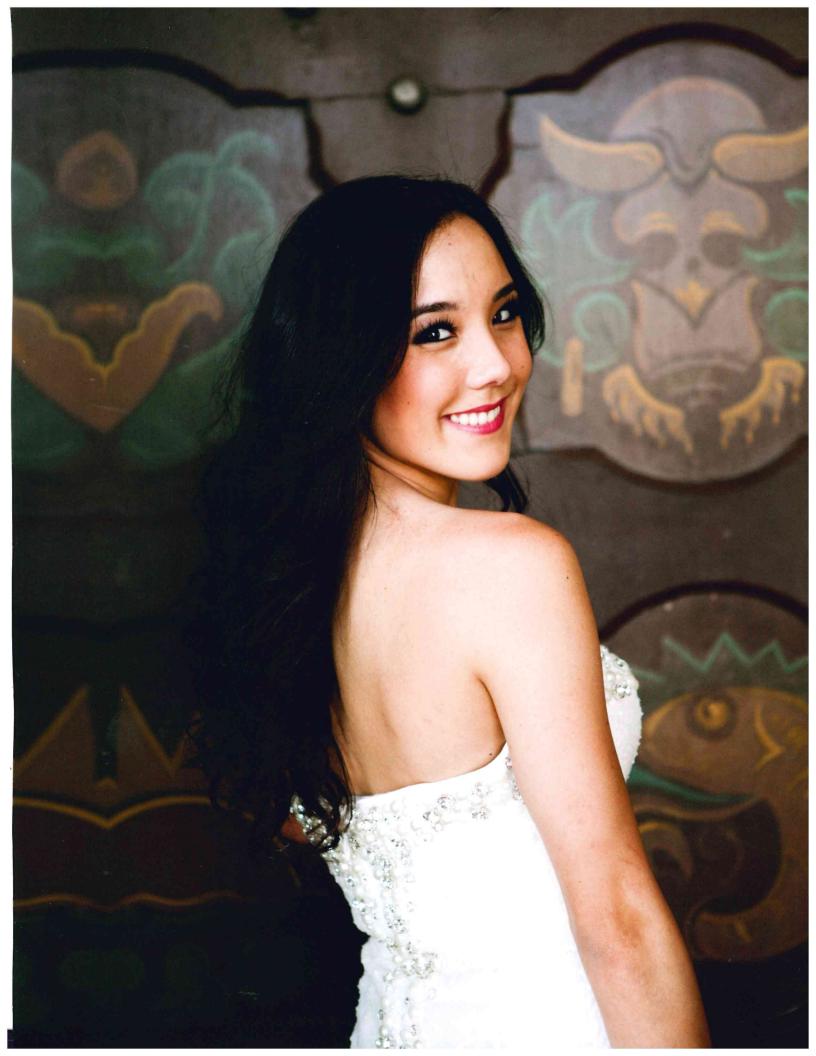


12 李美麟 Natalie Miller

My name is Natalie Miller, and I am 19 years old. Growing up in a multicultural family has given me the opportunity to experience and understand the cultures and backgrounds of which I come from. My mother is Taiwanese and my father is American. Coming from these two cultures and growing up in America has shown me the importance of not only partaking in the American culture, but in the Taiwanese culture as well. I am very honored to represent and perform my duties to the Taiwanese American Community, and I am very passionate of sharing my knowledge of Taiwan with others. I am currently studying at Cal State Fullerton with a major in business and a minor in economics, and plan on enrolling in design school for interior design. Along with my education, fitness is very important to me. I play many sports including track, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. It is important to be healthy and stay active.









13 吳瑋璇 Vivian Wu

Born in Taipei but raised in California, I grew up with a diverse cultural background. I graduated with honors from Walnut High and continued my studies at UCLA, where I double major in "Business-Economics" and "World Arts and Culture". I became Class President for my business organization and currently serve on board. Through these studies, I hope to further understand the global economy for the betterment of struggling countries.

Academics aside, I am an art enthusiast with skills ranging from oil painting to vocals training. However, my passion is dance. I started Ballet at age seven and expanded my genre to Contemporary, Chinese Folk, International Ballroom and International Latin. My Achievements include 1st Platinum at the Showstoppers Competitions in the Folk Dance and 1st in the junior division Open Gold at Emerald Ball.

I am very honored to be given this opportunity and I hope to further representing the Taiwanese American community as Miss. Taiwanese American.









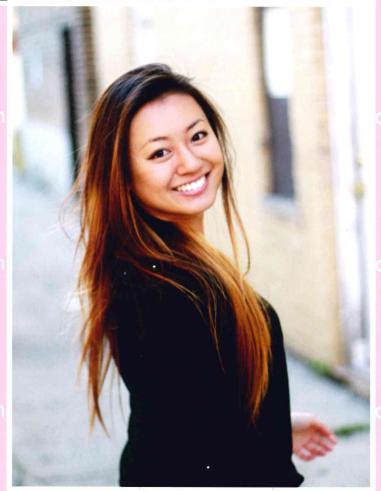


14 楊孟昕 Mercy Yang

Born in Taipei and raised in Irvine, I graduated Irvine high school with highest academic honors as a scholar-athlete-musician, competing in waterpolo, swim, and cross-country as a CIF Finalist. Now at Northwestern University, I am studying to be a woman of letters while serving as a Peer Adviser and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity. My proudest achievements include performing viola at the Sydney Opera House, piloting a Cessna aircraft, winning the 2011 Navy SEALs Fitness Challenge, and teaching English to Tainan schoolchildren as a benefactor of the Taiwanese government.

I am an infinitely curious free spirit with a pioneer's heart. One of my favorite sayings is "Life is the school and love is the lesson." I believe that life is not race, but a gift to learn and a chance to love. As 2013 Miss Taiwanese American, I wish my fellow Taiwanese Americans the courage to never stop learning, sharing, and loving our beautiful heritage.











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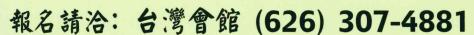
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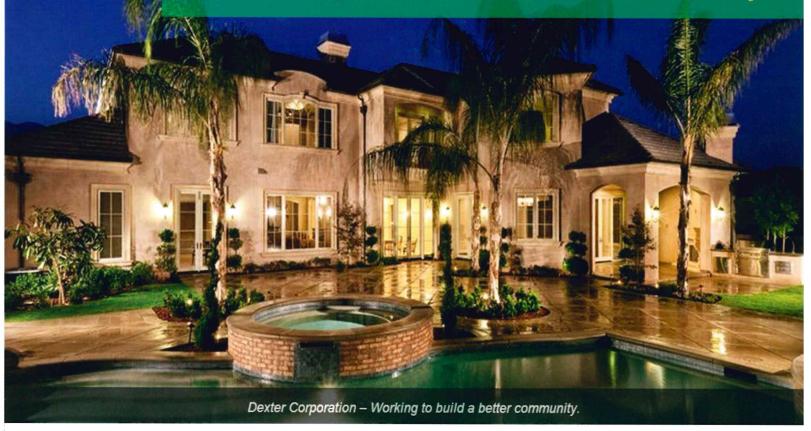
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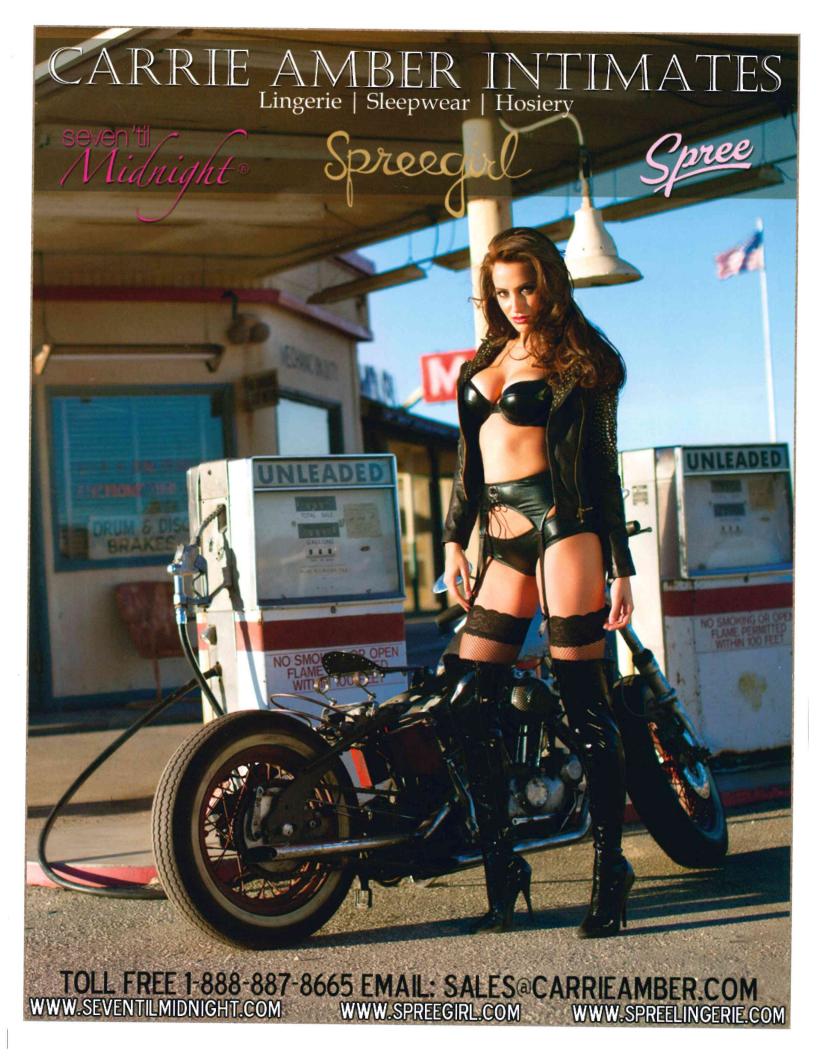
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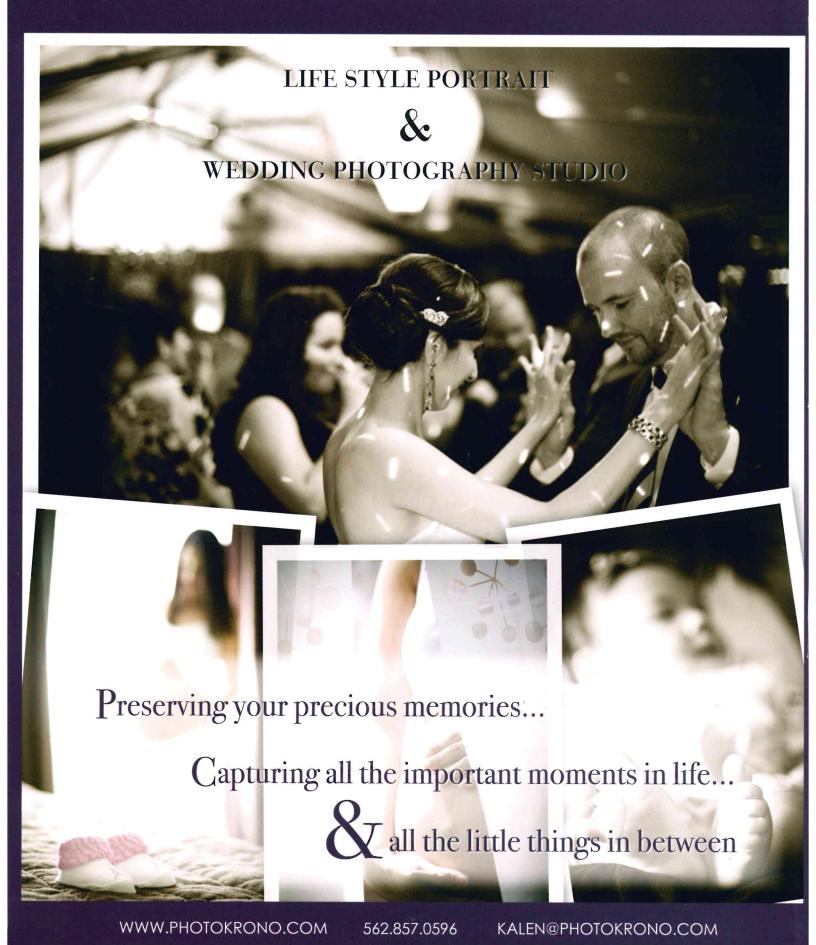
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