Carnaval San Francisco 2020 Presents
Teen King and Queen, Prince & Princess Competition
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Dance Mission Theatre
3316 24th Street, San Francisco CA 94110
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Carnaval San Francisco Royalty Family 2020

The winners of the competition will be crowned as Teen King, Teen Queen, Prince and Princess of the 42nd Annual Carnaval San Francisco Parade and Festival: Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday and Sunday May 23rd and May 24th. Contest winners will serve as the Official Ambassadors at the Carnaval San Francisco Grand Parade, be featured with a shared float in the parade, and win a prize!

The Carnaval San Francisco Teen King and Queen, Prince and Princess may potentially be featured on TV, radio, newspaper and websites throughout the Bay Area and beyond. The Carnaval reign is for one (1) year from the day of the coronation until the Prince and Princess Competition in 2021. If the Teen King/Queen, Prince and/or Princess cannot complete his/her duties the First Runner(s)-up will assume the titles.

Eligibility

- Ages for all contestants must be
  Prince and Princess Category: 5 to 11 years of age  Teen King & Queen Category: 12 to 17 years of age
- All contestants must be pre-registered. NO walk up contestants will be allowed
- Parents or legal guardians consent for participation (sign application)
- No minor will be permitted to participate without parents / legal guardians approval (signed application)

It is recommended – but not required - that a contestant be sponsored by a Carnaval comparsa. (A comparsa is a performing group that participates in the Carnaval San Francisco Parade.)
Application Process

- Fill out and sign the **Entry Form, Release and Consent Form, and Competition Rules and Requirements** and return along with non-refundable **entry fee of $20** *Application fee includes admission for 1 Parent / Guardian of youth participant.*

- Check or money order payable to:
  Carnaval San Francisco-CANA
  1333 Florida Street, SF, CA 94110
  Attn: Teen/Prince/Princess

**Application Deadline: 11:59pm, Friday, February 28, 2020.** Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Each contestant must submit **one (1) color digital photo** (jpg file) and a link to a **1- minute video performance sample by the application deadline.** Video sample may be from a previously filmed performance or created specifically for this competition. We will use this footage along with written application to approve contestants’ participation in competition. Once participation is approved, we will also use the submitted media to announce the contestants and promote the competition via Carnaval San Francisco’s website and social media sites.

- Applicants will be contacted by email upon receipt of their completed entry form, paid fee and signed release form. We will contact all contestants by Saturday, February 29th, 2020.

- All applications will be reviewed by an unbiased panel. Applicants will be invited to participate in the competition after approval. All approved contestants will be offered support consultation from Carnaval San Francisco staff to develop their best possible performance

- Tickets for the competition are:
  - $5.00 - 17 and under (non-contest participant)
  - $10.00 – General Admission 18 and over
  **Remember:** Application fee includes admission for 1 Parent / Guardian of youth participant

- Please “Like” Carnaval San Francisco on Facebook if you have a Facebook account

- Please direct all questions and inquiries to Tiombe Wiley: Twvalone@gmail.com
Carnaval San Francisco 2020
Teen King and Queen, Prince & Princess Contestant Entry Form
Please type or write VERY legibly in blue ink
(You may attach additional pages if necessary)

First Name: ____________________________  Last Name: ________________________________

Age: _____________  Gender: Male □  Female □

Parent / Legal Guardian Name: ______________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________

Home/Work/Cell Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________________

School: _____________________________________________________________________________

Sponsoring Comparsa (if applicable): ________________________________________________

I am competing for:
□ Teen King
□ Teen Queen
□ Prince
□ Princess

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Please check the category that you are interested in competing in:

- □ Brazilian
- □ Caribbean
- □ Contemporary/Fusion
- □ Traditional/Folkloric
- □ Other (specify) __________________________________________________________________________

Please answer the following questions:

Why do you want to be the Prince, The Princess or Teen King/Queen of Carnaval San Francisco 2020?


Please tell us about your experience in Carnaval dance and music. Who have you studied with, what groups have you belonged to? What are your strengths as a performer? What Carnaval type of events have you participated in both locally and internationally?


Please describe your talent presentation and state any special equipment needed. If you are performing with live music, please prepare a stage plan with any technical needs (chairs, microphones) and their placement on stage.


Would you be willing to help promote the competition by inviting friends and passing out fliers?

- □ YES
- □ NO
I am interested in selling tickets in advance to my family and friends: I request

# _______ Youth tickets, 17 & under ($5.00)

# _______ General Admission, 18 and over ($10.00)

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Please write 2-4 sentences about your background and dance experience that the Carnaval team might use to introduce you on Carnaval San Francisco website. (We will edit if needed)

Please write 2-4 sentences that the MC might use to introduce you at the competition if different from above. (We will edit if needed)
I understand that all of the facts above and the photo I submitted are true. I also understand that the information from this form may be used for press releases, Carnaval San Francisco’s website and by the MC at the competition. I acknowledge that I have read all information and fully understand its content.

Signature of Authorized Parent / Legal Guardian:

______________________________________________
Print Name – Parent / Legal Guardian

______________________________________________
Signature - Parent / Legal Guardian

__________________________
Date

Relationship with participant:

☐ Mother
☐ Father
☐ Legal Guardian
I, the undersigned, am the Parent / Legal Guardian of minor ___________________________ competing on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020.

I, the undersigned, parent or legal guardian of the minor participant, understand that it is a condition of his/her participation in the Carnaval San Francisco Teen King, Teen Queen, Prince and Princess Competition, hereby consent to allow Carnaval San Francisco and its agents to take any and all photos and videos of me at any point in the competition and to use such photos or videos for any Carnaval San Francisco publicity purpose, now or at any time in the future.

I also release and hold Dance Mission Theatre and Carnaval San Francisco and its agents free and harmless from any and all liability related to his/her participation in the event, as well as any liability for any third party taking photos or videos during the competition, regardless of how such video or photo is used.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE.

Print Name – Parent / Legal Guardian

Signature - Parent / Legal Guardian

Date
Carnaval San Francisco
2020 Prince & Princess, Teen King & Queen Contestant
Competition Rules & Requirements

- **Arrival for the Event:** On the day of the event, contestants must arrive at Dance Mission Theatre punctually for Call Time (2:00 p.m.) and be ready to go for any type of run through/stage walk. Organizers will provide contestants with specific ‘Call Time’ and any ‘run through’ details closer to competition. Contestants who arrive late can be disqualified from the competition.

- **Tech Rehearsal:** There will not be a tech rehearsal. Please be prepared with all of your music needs and equipment the day of the competition.

- **‘Dressers’:** Each contestant may have one dresser, who must arrive with the contestant. The name of the dresser must be provided prior to the competition. Only the contestant and his/her dresser are allowed in the dressing room/backstage. Once the doors to the theater open on the day of the competition all contestants and dressers will remain backstage. Dressers may watch competition only if they have a ticket. **Contestants may not watch competition.**

- **Order of Competition:** The order of the contestants will not be announced until the day of the competition.

- **Performance Time:** Contestants will be allowed up to two (2) minutes to perform. Timing begins as soon as the contestant enters the stage. Contestants who exceed their allotted performance time of two (2) minutes will receive a deduction to their overall score. Timer cue cards and flag will be visible to the stage to let you know when 2 minutes is up.

- **Performing as a couple:** Contestants may perform as a couple or individual. If two contestants compete as a couple, each person is judged individually and the couple will be allowed up to four (4) minutes of performance time. Keep in mind that a couple does not have to use all 4 minutes. Without a well-designed presentation, 4 minutes can drag, and thus, the candidates can lose points. Points will not be deducted for couples that perform for less than 4 minutes.

- **Costumes:** Contestants must compete in a Carnaval costume. Please refrain from using/throwing glitter.

- **What can be performed?** Although considered primarily a dance competition, contestants are not be limited to dancing, and may also sing or play a musical instrument. It is advisable that the contestant be skilled in all aspects of their performance, and also be aware that clumsy transitions from one performance discipline to another can detract from points.

- **Back-Up Dancers:** A contestant performing alone may use no more than 2 “back-up” dancers/actors. Couples may not use back-up dancers. These dancers must serve to promote/enhance the candidate and largely remain in background for the performance. The judges will still focus on the abilities/quality of the candidate. While back-up dancers/actors, can enhance the composition of a piece – if poorly/improperly used, can result in detracted points. Please note that back-up dancers may only watch the competition after they perform and if they have a ticket. Contestants that use more than two back-up dancers will receive a deduction from their total score.

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• **Recorded Music:** Contestants may use PRE-RECORDED music. Pre-recorded music must be given to the competition coordinator at tech rehearsal as an MP3 file format. You may be disqualified from the competition if you do not bring your music to ‘tech rehearsal’.

• **Live Musicians:** Candidates may perform with live musicians (supplied by the contestant). Single or couple candidates can use no more than 5 musicians on stage. Set up for musicians must be easy and able to be done very quickly. Any plan to use live musicians must first be reviewed and approved by the Event Coordinator. The Event Coordinator has final say about microphone placement. Please note that musicians may only watch the competition after they perform and if they have a ticket. Contestants that use more than five musicians will receive a deduction from their total score.

• All contestants must appear in costume for the closing Coronation Ceremony.

• **Tickets:** Tickets will be available for sale in advance on Carnaval San Francisco’s website, www.carnavalsanfrancisco.org It is HIGHLY recommended that friends/family/fans/fellow carnavalescos purchase their tickets in advance as this event does sell out. No complimentary tickets will be available for contestants.

• Social Media: If promoting the competition and Carnaval San Francisco, please post our Facebook page or Instagram @CarnavalSF.

• Contestants are expected to promote the competition by inviting friends and family, passing out fliers (fliers provided), posting on social media etc.

**Judging Criteria**

A panel of judges from the Bay Area artistic community will evaluate each performance on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest). The contestants with the highest total scores will be crowned the Teen King, Teen Queen and Prince and Princess. In addition, the judges will select: First Runner Up, Second Runner Up, and Third Runner Up ranked scores.

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

• Performance Ability, Technique, and Authenticity of cultural form
• Quality of Composition of Performance (choreography, transitions, entrance, exit)
• Costume
• Carnaval Spirit
• Audience Reaction
• Overall Performance

The judges’ decision is final. All scoring documentation is the sole and confidential property of Carnaval San Francisco. No tabulation data will be distributed to contestants or contingents.

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Winners’ Responsibilities

Competition winners will be representing Carnaval San Francisco and must be available for the duration of (1) one full Carnaval San Francisco season. Mandatory participation is required at ALL Carnaval San Francisco promotional events including, but not limited to: Giants Game, VIP Reception, or City Hall Reception (should they occur), Carnaval Parade and Festival 2020, and King and Queen Competition 2021, as well as other promotional events as needed.

It will be the responsibility of the Teen King and Queen, Prince and Princess winners to ensure that if they are engaged in public or private events that are not sponsored by Carnaval San Francisco that they are billed as:

Carnaval San Francisco 2020 Teen King, Teen Queen, Prince and Princess.

Carnaval San Francisco Teen King, Teen Queen, Prince and Princess are required to conduct themselves as role models in the community; upholding the standards of Carnaval San Francisco, and carrying the Carnaval spirit wherever they travel.

I have read and agree to follow ALL of the above Competition Rules and Requirements. I understand that failure to adhere from these rules and requirements may lead to my disqualification as a contestant.

______________________________________________
Print Name – Parent / Legal Guardian

______________________________________________
Signature - Parent / Legal Guardian

______________________________________________
Date

My application is complete. I have submitted:

☐ $20 entry fee
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☐ Photo and video clip

☐ Application

☐ Consent and release form

☐ Signed rules and requirements form

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