

# MISS \* USA

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## **NICK AND VANESSA LACHEY TO HOST THE 2018 MISS USA® COMPETITION**

**THE MISS USA® SPECIAL AIRS LIVE MONDAY, MAY 21, AT 8 PM ET, ON FOX,  
FROM THE HIRSCH MEMORIAL COLISEUM IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER, LOUISIANA**

**TV PERSONALITY AND FASHION EXPERT CARSON KRESSLEY AND  
SUPERMODEL AND PAGEANT EXPERT LU SIERRA RETURN TO PROVIDE ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

**New York, NY** – The Miss Universe Organization has announced that the 2018 MISS USA® Competition will air LIVE Monday, May 21 (8:00-10:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed) on FOX, from the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum in Shreveport-Bossier, LA.

Actress, host and former pageant winner Vanessa Lachey and multi-Platinum recording artist and television personality Nick Lachey will take the stage together to host the competition. Vanessa was crowned Miss Teen USA in 1998 and served as a backstage correspondent for MISS USA® in 2001 and as co-host of MISS UNIVERSE® in 2007.

First appearing together at last year's MISS UNIVERSE®, TV personality and fashion expert Carson Kressley and supermodel and pageant expert Lu Sierra reprise their roles for MISS USA® as competition insiders to provide analysis and commentary throughout the live telecast.

The 2018 MISS USA® marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the competition's first appearance in the sister cities of Shreveport-Bossier. Offering cultural arts and entertainment sites, world-class outdoor sporting events, historic landmarks, festivals and more, Shreveport-Bossier provides visitors an endless variety of opportunities to enjoy.

This year, for the first time ever, the 2018 MISS TEEN USA® competition will take place immediately prior to MISS USA®. "Blending the schedules of two of The Miss Universe Organization's premier events for women across the country allows us to celebrate all of the Miss USA and Miss Teen USA state representatives together," says Paula M. Shugart, president of The Miss Universe Organization. "We look forward to setting the stage for each event in Shreveport-Bossier where the community has previously welcomed our staff, crew and contestants with its southern hospitality."

The 2018 MISS USA® Competition is a two-hour special event which concludes with Miss USA 2017 Kára McCullough crowning her successor. Women representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia will compete for the opportunity of becoming the next Miss USA.

To learn more about this year's contestants please visit: [www.missusa.com/contestants](http://www.missusa.com/contestants).

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The Miss Universe Organization (MUO) is a global community that empowers women to realize their goals through experiences that build self-confidence and create opportunities for success. MUO believes that every woman should be “Confidently Beautiful.” MISS UNIVERSE®, MISS USA®, and MISS TEEN USA® programs provide the 10,000 women who participate annually an international platform to affect positive change through influential humanitarian and professional efforts. The contestants and titleholders are leaders and role models in their communities, develop personal and professional goals, and inspire others to do the same. The Miss Universe Organization is an Endeavor company. To learn more, visit [www.missuniverse.com](http://www.missuniverse.com).

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