

Pretenders In Paradise 2012

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Pretenders in Paradise is a legendary costume competition hosted by the Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa and in its 29th fantastical year. This year's theme, "Zombie Nation Vacation" rattles up an opportunity to create a gut-wrenching costume extravaganza ranging from flesh eating businessmen to grueling dead beauty queens. The sirens are warning you to be a part of this out-of-this-world costumed apocalypse.

Participation is open to anyone whether amateur or seasoned professional, individual or group! So get your best costume together, grab some friends (if you so dare) and prepare to compete in Fantasy Fest's longest running event. Judges award prizes based on creativity, enthusiasm and detail! Be sure to read all the rules.

Prizes

Professional – Individual

First Prize: \$2,000

Second Prize: \$1,500

Third Prize: \$1,000

Amateur Individual

First Prize: \$1,500

Second Prize: \$750

Third Prize: \$500

Group Entry (Must be 4 or more individuals)

Professional: \$1,500

Amateur: \$1,250

Entry to the competition closes on Tuesday, October 23 AT NOON!

Contestant Entry Fee:

\$10 Individual

\$20 Group

Please bring your entry fee to the contestant meeting.

Fantasy Fest® 2012 Theme:

"A-Conch-Alypse"

Pretenders in Paradise Theme:

"Zombie Nation Vacation"

Join the Party and Your Chance to Share \$10,000 in Prizes!

We invite you to be a part of Pretenders In Paradise at the Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa! If you're interested in competing among the best of the best (or the best of the worst), you can sign up as an amateur or professional, individual or group. Over \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded!

Here are all the rules and regulations, which we take very seriously, so be sure to share this information with the others in your group so everyone knows what to expect the day of the event.

Costumes:

All entries must be in the realm of "good taste" for public display. **Pretenders In Paradise™ reserves the right to refuse entry to any contestant.** All costumed acts are subject to approval. In order for our announcers to communicate your vision to the audience, a brief description of your costume as you would like it described while you are on stage must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 23, at noon. Because of the stage's proximity to the Gulf, **ABSOLUTELY – no metallic, paper or plastic confetti or glitter.**

Music:

- Selected music must not exceed **three (3.00) minutes for PROFESSIONAL entries and three (3.00) minutes for GROUP entries and two (2.00) minutes for AMATEUR contestants.**
- Music must be on a CD containing only one song or a CD with the track number indicated.
- Production sound equipment will not read MP3 Files. Any custom burned CD should be playable over a standard CD player and legally obtained.
- Title of costume, contestant's name and name of song must be clearly indicated on the cover.
- Selected music must be provided no later than during Contestant Meeting, Wednesday, October 24 at 12 PM.
- Pretenders in Paradise™ staff and/or production staff are not responsible for contestant's recorded music. Music will not be returned!

No Lip Syncing or Karaoke Style Performances: This competition is a professional display of costuming.

Stage Area: The area available for the contestants' performances is approximately 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep with an access ramp 24 feet long and 10 feet wide. When planning your performance please include movement to accommodate all viewing angles.

Backstage Area: The backstage area is for contestants and two helpers only. Backstage passes (verified by a door list) are required for entry and re-entry.

Time on Stage: Performance time will not exceed **three (3.00) minutes on stage for group** contestants, **three (3.00) minutes for professional contestants** and **two (2.00) minutes for amateur** contestants. However, Pretenders in Paradise™ production staff may reduce performance time depending on total number of contestants or other time limitations and/or considerations.

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 12:00 PM

Pier House Resort & Caribbean Spa – Conference Center

It is to your benefit to attend this meeting to meet the staff and to drop off your identifiable materials that will be needed for your performance.

- Contestants will meet the stage manager and the sound/lights/special effects manager.
- Safety information, rules and regulations will be discussed.
- Contestant backstage passes will be issued.
- Contestant's selected music must be provided at this time.
- The stage manager will answer questions and show contestants the stage, ramp, backstage area.
- Payment for contestant entry form.
- Signed acceptance of Rules & Regulations will be completed here.
- Please be prompt. Meeting will be very brief.

Show Time:

Contestant and Costume Load-in: Thursday, October 27, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The contestants, their costumes and no more than two helpers must be backstage and check in with the stage manager no later than 7 PM. Contestant entry gate will open at 6 p.m. and will be locked between 7 PM and 11 PM. The competition will begin at 9 PM SHARP! We understand you may need "liquid courage" in order to perform, but we ask that you maintain sobriety throughout the competition for your safety and the safety of others.

Competition Begins: 9:00 PM Sharp!

Prizes Are NOT Exchangeable!

Special Needs:

If you have any special needs such as colored lights, smoke, sound effects, etc., please note them on your entry form. We will do our best to accommodate everyone, if possible. The sooner we are aware of special requests the better chance we have of accommodating them.

Contact Numbers:

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. We want your moment in the spotlight to be as much fun for you as it is for us and we are here to help you make it happen!

Please contact The Market Share Company (the office is staffed Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM)

Phone: 305-296-5596

E-Mail: Pegi@marketsharecompany.com

Visit Pretenders in Paradise™ on the Fantasy Fest website: www.fantasyfest.com

ONLINE FORM on FANTASY FEST.com and PIER HOUSE website

OFFICIAL COSTUME COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

Please read contestant booklet before completing this form and please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____ Fax (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of
Entry _____

Please include a brief description of your entry, as you would like it described while you are on stage during the competition (typed on additional page if necessary). You may update or embellish this information prior to the event.

Entry Category – please check one:

Individual: Professional _____ Amateur _____

Group: Professional _____ Amateur _____ Indicate number in group (4-15) _____

Contestant will provide recorded music on CD? _____ Yes _____ No

Phone number to reach you on the day of the event _____

Please include the following: 1) a check or money order payable to the **Pier House**, DO NOT SEND CASH; 2) Completed entry form including title and description of entry; 3) Mail to: The Market Share Company, 1111 Twelfth Street, Key West, FL 33040. Telephone: 305-296-5596 for additional information.