



2005 Miss Latina US, Melissa Quesada, New York, Attorney



miss Latina US™
An Official National Preliminary to Miss Latin America®

Melissa Quesada, the reigning Miss Latina US was crowned Miss Latin America at the international competition on June 28, 2006 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. This is the first time a representative of the United States has won the crown. Representatives of 23 countries competed.

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Over 35 Candidates Ready to Compete in 2006 Pageants.

Young women of Hispanic heritage from 21 different states will compete for the titles Miss Latina US™ and Miss Teen US Latina™ beginning September 25 in West Springfield, MA at the Eastern States Exposition, best known as the BIG E.

According to Organizacion Miss America Latina President and founder, Acirema Alayeto, this has been a record year for applicants to the pageants. The Miss Latina US™ Pageant will choose the United States representative to next year's Miss Latin America® Pageant, best known worldwide as Miss America Latina®.

"Of even greater significance," Alayeto said; "Is that these girls (a few of which are pictured to the right) represent the states that comprise 92% of the total Hispanic population in the United States."



Profiles of each candidate in the Miss and Teen divisions can be found at the following web addresses:
Miss: www.missamericalatina.com/USdelgs.htm Teen: www.missuslatina.com/TeenDelegates.html



"My style runs the gamut from funk to swing to modern jazz, & not to forget, musical theater."

Jacquie Bird Named as Choreographer for Pageants

When OMALI sought to find a choreographer for its upcoming pageants, BIG E Marketing Director Noreen Tassinari was quick to recommend Springfield, MA native Frank Hatchett, one of the most well-known, influential teachers and choreographers in the world.

Hatchett, the dean of dance at the prestigious Broadway Dance Center in New York City trains more than 250,000 dancers each year. He's had an impressive roster of students including Madonna, Brooke Shields, Naomi Campbell, Olivia Newton-John, Justine Bateman, Vanessa Williams, and dozens of Broadway and daytime television actors and actresses. Although, unable to accept the engagement, he was quick to recommend his former student, assistant and fellow teacher, Jacquie Bird who he says "amazes me with her diversity in providing a complete balanced performance."

Bird, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Leonard Davis Center for the Performing Arts at City College of NY where she also obtained a BFA in Dance. She has performed on Broadway, appeared in theaters all over the country and on television and in film. She calls herself "one of Frank's kids" and looks forward to working with the Miss Latina US™ and Miss Teen US Latina™ candidates during their three nights of performance September 27, 28 and 29 at the Eastern States Exposition.