

### **Alameda Open Air Theatre sees another successful pageant: Miss Glamour 2008**

The Miss Glamour beauty pageant has come a long way, from its beginnings at the Catholic Community Centre to a yearly event of growing popularity. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, the Miss Glamour beauty pageant for 2008 proved to be more successful than ever. Held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Alameda Open Air Theatre was filled to capacity for the show, which was directed by Bianca Chiara of Glamour Creations. Ten contestants participated this year between the ages of 14 and 17, next year to be 15 to 18, all competing for the coveted title of Miss Glamour 2008.

The show was hosted by able compere Andy Coumbe and taking the judges seats were the following:

- Dominique Martinez, Miss Gibraltar 1986
- Sarah Yeats, Miss Gibraltar 1990
- Dylan Ferrar, lead singer of Taxi
- Stephen Perera, Professional Photographer and Graphic Designer
- Yolanda Jimenez, Professional Hairdresser

The eight weeks of preparation that went into the girls' training was evident as they introduced themselves on stage at the opening of the first half of the show. An extravagant dance routine was followed by their first official catwalk in swimwear. The contestants sported black swimsuits decorated with matching stilettos and wispy feathers, the look finished with tasteful Pashmina jewellery.

Offering distinction and personality, the Miss Vogue parade gave the contestants an opportunity to try their hand at design choices, the results of which were a veritable display of colour, style and creativity.

A more relaxed look was fashioned by the girls as the first half of the show came to a close. Denim and casual tops by Glamour Creations were the theme for this routine, which was executed successfully.

After a bubbling break, the contestants returned to the stage for the second half of the show dressed in flowing summer outfits in a variety of vibrant colours, also by Glamour Creations.

Always the most popular parade, the evening wear routine did not disappoint. Glitz and glamour were a definite theme here, with excellent poise from the girls finishing their offerings for the occasion. The final decision was then left in the capable hands of the judges, who agreed on the following awards:

- Miss Glamour 2008: Shyanne Azzopardi
- 1<sup>st</sup> Princess: Karess Zammit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess: Clare Nuñez

Along with the main prizes, there were many other awards presented, as follows:

- Shyanne Azzopardi: Miss Friendship, Miss Best Effort, Miss Vogue, Miss Elegant and participation in the upcoming Miss Mediterranean pageant to be held in October
- Karess Zammit: Miss Bikini, Miss Catwalk, Best Hair
- Clare Nuñez: Miss Personality
- Stacey Britto: Miss Cover Girl
- Maroua Kharbouch: Best Skin, Best Smile

Miss Glamour was awarded a total of 26 prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> Princess received 13 prizes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess took home 11 awards.

Entertainment for the show was provided by Tarik School of Dance, fresh from their recent participation and subsequent success in the New Prague International Dance Festival in the Czech Republic capital, Bianca Yeo and Helen Gustafson's Serene Beauty line of lingerie, Jonathan Sacramento with his acoustic accompaniment to the evening wear parade and a medley performance by The Spoons served as attention-grabbing pre-results entertainment.

The show was a great success thanks to all those who participated in and supported the production. We hope to see the same success and enjoyment in next year's offerings.