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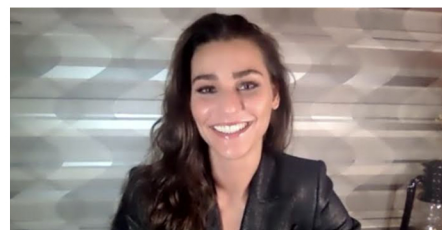
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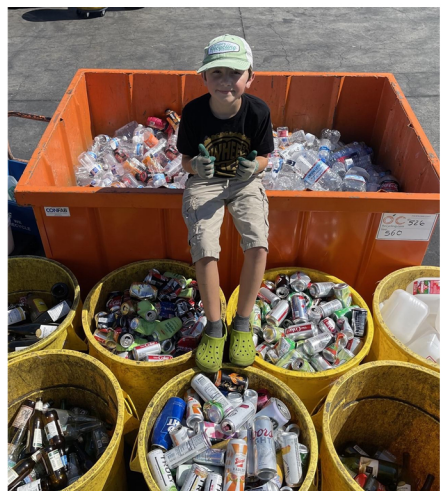
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RYAN'S Recycling EST. 2012 COMPANY

ME Magazine: You are the youngest known environmentalist in the world. How and when did it become your advocacy?

Ryan: My dad took me to our local recycling center when I was three years old and I just loved it so much that I've been doing it ever since. We live near the ocean so I was able to see how pollution easily gets into the ocean so I wanted to change that.

ME Magazine: Has the pandemic proven to be challenging to your environmental undertaking? What are the obstacles you have dealt with so far?

Ryan: I've been able to continue recycling but traveling around the world for speaking events has been difficult since the pandemic. I'm doing a lot more ZOOM videos to talk to kids in schools. I love teaching about recycling so I'm glad we've found ways to still inform people.

“ I TELL EVERYONE THAT ANY OF US CAN BE A HERO JUST BY PICKING UP TRASH WHEN YOU SEE IT AND DOING YOUR BEST TO RECYCLE WHAT YOU CAN. TAKING CARE OF OUR PLANET IS EASY. IF AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD KID LIKE ME CAN DO IT, YOU CAN TOO. ”

ME Magazine: What are your ongoing projects? Please share with us?

Ryan: I have a lot going on right now. I am headed to Hungary in a few months to speak and I'm still doing my beach clean up events each week. I'm recycling in my community every week and I just started a new non-profit organization called Project3R which will focus on community clean up events, recycling education and awareness. We're just getting it started but I have big plans to help communities around the world. I'm working with a number of companies to develop products out of biodegradable or recycled plastic.



“ I THINK MISS EARTH IS AN AMAZING PROGRAM. I REALLY LIKE THAT THE PAGEANT WINNERS ARE ABLE TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO TEACH PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PLANET. ”

ME Magazine: As an environmental influencer, what other platforms will you be collaborating with?

Ryan: I'm pretty busy so my dad helps me with all my social media management. I mostly use Facebook and Instagram but we post on Twitter and YouTube as well. I get thousands of messages from all around the world each week. I've also met a lot of other people making a difference with the environment through social media.

ME Magazine: What international organizations do you see yourself involved in the near future?

Ryan: I just won an award in Moscow, Russia called the Crystal Compass Award and I'm headed to Budapest to speak at an event called Brain Bar. I just spoke at Maria Social Welfare Foundation's Hero Talks Event in Taipei and I'm hoping to continue speaking at future WE DAY events.

More information at www.ryansrecycling.com



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*Among all the remarkable queens Miss Earth ever had, **BRITTANY DICKSON** is one of the most unforgettable. Her pageant journey as a cancer warrior has made her a most inspirational figure in Australia and her active advocacy makes a notable mark in pageantry even in the pandemic.*

ME Magazine: As the reigning Miss Earth Australia 2020 titleholder how was your journey in Miss Earth 2020 amidst this pandemic? How has being a title holder changed your life?

Brittany: Being a titleholder during the pandemic has been a unique experience, Miss Earth was the only major international pageant to push forward during the calendar year of 2020.

This decision was a true indicator of how relevant Miss Earth is - because despite almost everything else in the world being on hold, the big environmental issues our earth faced did not simply go away, and neither did we.

Australia's lockdowns have been relatively short and we have been very privileged - I have still been able to actively work with the community at different environmental events, educate the Little, Junior and Teen Miss Earth Australia delegates, and contribute to valuable wildlife conservation research.

Life hasn't changed too much because I have always been dedicated to the cause of Miss Earth, but I've been able to work with some great sustainable brands, done a number of interviews, and have found a new, stronger inner confidence. Since becoming a title holder I've continued making an effort to live an ecofriendly lifestyle and be the best environmental ambassador I can be.

Photo: Elena Levkovskaya

ME Magazine: You are recognized all over the pageant world as the beauty queen cancer warrior which moved up competitiveness in a unique level. What motivated you to take on the challenges of the pageant despite your medical condition which is supposed to limit you in many ways. Please share with us this intriguing story.

Brittany: I grew up with a love of nature and animals, and even from a young age, I always knew I wanted to translate that love into something meaningful. I had the understanding I could be a voice for nature, but just needed that platform to be heard. Miss Earth was a dream of mine far before I was diagnosed. I had spent over a year preparing to compete in my national pageant, and when I got the news 2017, I was devastated, partly because I had cancer and because I was worried I'd miss my chance to win the Miss Earth crown. It was then I made the decision that cancer was NOT going to hold me back in life.



“I was heartbroken - but my dream never died, so during radio and chemotherapy, I kept volunteering on environmental projects.”

Long story short, I asked my doctor to delay the surgery so I could still compete, and I went on to win the Miss Earth Air Australia title. A few days later, I was in hospital and the surgeons removed the golf ball sized tumor from my brain. I was told I'd suffer from life-long fatigue, would need to stay on medication to manage seizures and that there was an 80% chance I wouldn't make it another five years.

I turned my weakness into strength by rallying up all my friends and family to raise over \$15000 for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. With a lot of determination, I came back again, twice and won the coveted Miss Earth Australia crown – a dream finally come true, and I now had a platform to share my story and advocacy.



ME Magazine: Your stories about your fight with cancer and your determination towards fulfilling your advocacy is very inspiring to the pageant audience and to your followers. What are your ongoing projects that mirrors your advocacy and how is it progressing?

Brittany: Thank you, it's so heart-warming to know that my story has resonated with people. As I mentioned earlier, I am an animal lover, not only did I pursue Miss Earth to make an impact - but I am also employed in the environmental sector. I was lucky (and skilled) enough to secure a fulltime position working in the Wildlife Team for the state government's National Parks and Wildlife Service.

I recently had an amazing week out retrieving wildlife monitoring cameras from remote wilderness areas across south-eastern NSW. The data will paint a picture of biodiversity in our beautiful national parks, and a snapshot of how our iconic Aussie animals are doing following the devastating 2019/2020 bushfires.

I am still working towards becoming a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, so I can provide care to sick, injured and orphaned native animals. If you follow me on social media, I've also continued to share eco-tips to inspire and educate others to make lifestyle choices that will make our Earth a greener place.

ME Magazine: You will still carry the Miss Earth Australia 2020 title even after crowning your successor. How will you use your title in relevance to your old and new goals in Australia and in the world moving forward?

BRITTANY: Very true, I've always said Miss Earth will live on in my heart and I'll be there for the organisation no matter what.

The title is now on my resume! It is a life achievement that I will continue to draw attention to as I move forward in my career. It shows that I am willing to put myself out there as an ambassador for the environment and what I believe in.

Whilst beauty pageants aren't as recognised or widely celebrated here in Australia, they always start a conversation. And I guide that conversation towards the many environmental initiatives I have been involved in during my entire journey with Miss Earth Australia (clean-ups, tree plantings, bush regeneration, wildlife research, fundraising, delivering educational speeches) and the collective action of the hundreds of delegates that have come before me from so many other countries all around the world.

One of my new goals is to follow in the footsteps of past and current Queens who have been able to work with internationally recognised organisations such as the United Nations and World Wildlife Fund – that would just be so incredible and an opportunity of a lifetime.

ME Magazine: Do you have any special message that you would like to impart to your audience and followers in the pageant world?

Brittany: I really want to say thank you to everyone for your continued support, messages of kindness and for believing in me. The best advice I can give is to find something you believe in, live every day with a purpose and make it your mission to follow whatever your dream is. We only get one life, and you have got to make the most of it. Some days, you might feel overwhelmed by darkness – but the sun will rise again. I am a living example of this, with a little bit of grit and a lot of heart - a life-changing cancer diagnosis eventually led to one of my greatest achievements.

by Astrud Schuck
Photo: Elena Levkovskaya




"Quite honestly, I don't have any plans to join other beauty pageants, Miss Earth is the only competition that I felt I had a real reason to be a part of."



ART in EARTH

**NELLYS PIMENTEL,
MISS EARTH 2019, REVEALS
“ARTDEMIC” TO ADD MORE
COLORFUL INSPIRATION TO
PAGEANT LOVERS WORLDWIDE.**

 [nellyspimentel](https://www.instagram.com/nellyspimentel)

Puerto Rican beauty, **Nellys Pimentel**, have always been interested in developing her skills in other areas aside from academics.

"Since I can remember, I've always been drawn to the arts. I'd like to think that arts always came easy to me when I was younger so I would say that I've excelled in the field of arts my whole life. However it was not until I was 20 years old that I decided to put more effort into creating works that spoke to me and others on a different level", the former Earth queen shared.

"My artistic undertakings have been portrayed in my room mostly. I consider myself a plastic artist, who embodies drawing, painting, and sculpture. I occasionally take pictures as well, and I am practicing on editing more these days," Nellys replied when asked to what level have she taken her artistic undertakings so far.

"I am what you would call an emerging artist so I do not think that I've had any major accomplishments in the art world just yet. However, there was this one time where I had a pop up shop of my artwork in coffee shop."

"I want to become better at what I do and show the world my talents, which is why I created a separate profile on social media for my art content: SYLLENCIO. "

Nellys believes the experience and knowledge she gained from Miss Earth gave her the ability and confidence to say that she can achieve whatever goal she sets her mind to.

"Before Miss Earth there were moments where I would leave projects halfway done; but after much encouragement and support, I think that I am well on my way to become and internationally known artist".

When asked about her latest and upcoming art projects, she replied: *"I have been painting 3 to 4 times a week and I am currently curating some of my artwork to be part of an exhibition this coming July. I am pretty excited about that because it would be my second time exhibiting my art in front of a public or aside from class."*

Nellys' latest art collection brings a smile and wonderment to the world amidst the pandemic.



Nellys with her latest project "Sol Naciente", portraying the rising working class, the first ones to wake up and fight - the makers of the country.

"With the inability to go out came the opportunity to look within. I decided to put my passions to work and that is how I slowly began painting almost every day and it's been over a year of constant practice."



As an artist, Nellys thinks she doesn't have a best masterpiece:

"I do not think I have a specific piece where I know that that is the one. I think that as my artistic style evolves and develops I have different art pieces that I can call my favorites," she explained.

She also shared with Miss Earth Magazine that if the pandemic hadn't happened, she think she would be finishing art school by now, and would be working as a model and probably had moved from home. However, she is optimistic that those things are coming in the near future; as she is starting art school next August.

"To anyone who reads this or people who are inclined into the arts: develop your skills, pursue your dreams, practice, and remember to not let yourself go through life without living and working on your passions."

When asked how her art helped her significantly in this pandemic, she replied:

"I think my art flourished during the pandemic because it was a time of a lot of introspection and also for finding new ways to develop skills, finding an outlet, and expressing myself."

SPHERES

Acrylic on panel
8 inches x 10 inches



syllencio
by Nellys Pimentel

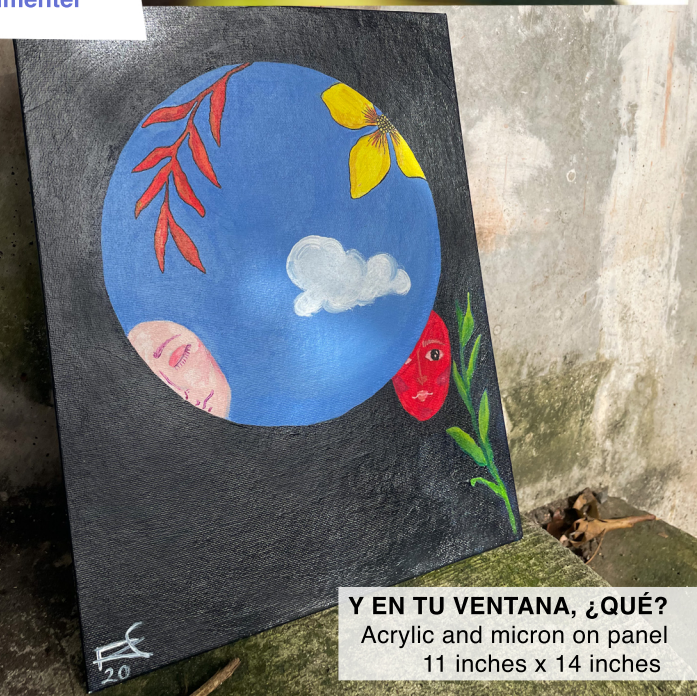
VISION STREAM

Acrylic on canvas
26 inches x 32 inches



SOL NACIENTE

Acrylic on canvas
4 feet x 5 feet



Y EN TU VENTANA, ¿QUÉ?

Acrylic and micron on panel
11 inches x 14 inches

Lindsey AND Michala IN **BELGIUM**

Miss Earth 2020 Lindsey Coffey and Miss Earth Fire 2020 Michala Rubinstein visited Belgium from June 22 to June 27 for the Miss Earth Belgium 2021 pre-final activities and grand finale held last June 26th. Aside from the media interviews, the queens, with Kimberly Bosman (Miss Earth Belgium 2020), toured the City of Gent, visited the Grand Palace and the Gravensteen Castle, and tasted the world-famous Belgian fries, waffles and chocolates!



Belgian waffles




Grand Palace



Belgian fries



Queens! 



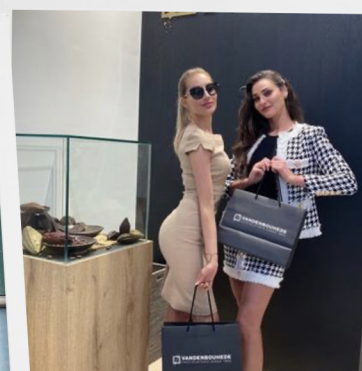
Gravensteen Castle



Earth and Fire



Belgian chocolates



more Chocolates!

SANDRA SEIFERT

*shares her motivation
and inspiration in
undertaking her newest
fashion collection*

by Astrud Shuck

ME Magazine: From being a Miss Earth titleholder you have glided on the path of fame especially in entertainment. You have also taken your place in the fashion industry and have recently established your fashion line in New York. Tell us more about this amazing undertaking.

Sandra: Since my younger years, I have always had a passion for fashion; in my pre-teen years I would collect dolls and dress them up. In High School, I participated in a fashion internship for a Filipino bridal designer. Then, at the age of 12, I started modelling for different clothing brands and designers which gave me the opportunity to deeper understand the craftsmanship and purpose behind fashion. However, it wasn't until after college, Miss Earth, and founding two startups, that I actually pursued my endeavor to become a fashion designer. In the summer of 2016, with only one seamstress and a newborn baby I launched 'Suravilla' - bespoke modest fashion for the modern woman. Headquartered in Manila, we cater to Filipinas, beauty queens, celebrities, corporate companies, and a growing international clientele.

ME Magazine: If you will be having renowned personalities as your international fashion brand ambassadors who will they be?

Sandra: Meghan Markle, Queen Rania, and Demi-Leigh Tibow


ME Magazine: Do you think the lifestyle, career and goals you have now would be any different if you have not taken the Miss Earth journey? How?

Sandra: Definitely. My title as Miss Earth Air 2009 has established me in the public eye and paved the way for so many opportunities I continue to enjoy today. Had I not taken the Miss Earth route, I think my (simple) lifestyle and (entrepreneurial) goals would've remained similar but my career journey would have probably looked very different. I wouldn't have had the type of connections/network and clout I have today which has proven to be an edge - especially in business and fashion.

ME Magazine: Who has inspired you to undertake the fashion scene and how did this come about?

Sandra: I was really inspired to pursue my role as a fashion designer when I discovered that there was a lack for modest fashion in the industry. This realization awakened in me when I did a study on Christian adornment. Alongside that, I had made trips to Dubai which exposed me to modest yet trendy fashion. The dress code of the royal family has also inspired me a lot.

"I was really inspired to pursue my role as a fashion designer when I discovered that there was a lack for modest fashion in the industry."

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Sandra in a Suravilla favorite midi dress

ME Magazine: Which among your creations would you pick as a red carpet outfit?

Sandra: There are a few favorites but I would definitely include the white look I wore when I attended Michael Cinco's shows in Dubai for Fashion Forward and the Hunter Green Kate Midi dress.

ME Magazine: Are you looking into showcasing your line on the international ramp?

Sandra: I would love to showcase my designs internationally, hopefully within the next 2 years.

ME Magazine: Which among your fashion creations are your favorites and who among the famous celebrities do you see wearing them?

Sandra: My favorite creations are the Sabbath midi dresses which I can wear to church and the hand-crafted applique blouses paired with midi skirts or pants. I can definitely see them worn by women from the royal family, first ladies, beauty queens and any celebrity that wants to exude a more elegant and modest yet modern vibe.

"Find your purpose, use your talents for the glory of God, and be a blessing to as many people as you can along the way."

ME Magazine: Where do you see yourself in the fashion world in the coming years?

Sandra: Long-term, I see myself catering fashion to two types of women: 1. Women with strong Christian and/or faith-based values who prefer to adorn themselves in modest apparel and 2. Women who embrace their body type and want to make a unique statement of elegance through bespoke design.



Hand-crafted applique and Filipiniana pieces from Suravilla
See full collection at [Instagram: suravillaofficial](https://www.instagram.com/suravillaofficial)

ME Magazine: How far were you challenged in your fashion business by this pandemic?

Sandra: The first six months of the pandemic hit us the most; since nearly every country went into lockdown, there were no events for clients to attend.

As we have witnessed, a lot of fashion brands had to close down due to the incredible financial losses incurred by the pandemic. Since I work from home and we don't mass produce items, I consider myself really lucky to be able to continue Suravilla with a low overhead cost. Due to quarantine regulations, we've had to make adjustments by hiring riders to deliver fabrics to my seamstresses who worked from home. All of the communication happened online. One dress at a time we managed to make it work. Then we started introducing our reversible face masks and athleisure designs to adapt to the new normal fashion needs.

Now that restrictions have eased up, there are more occasions for women to dress up again. One thing I did notice however is that their spending habits have changed - recurring clients negotiate the rate of a dress more frequently now, and also need more time to decide on whether to place an order or not.

JUNE 2021 NATIONAL PAGEANT UPDATES



PORTUGAL: Gabriella Rodriguez from Viana, crowned at the Braga City Hall



LIBERIA: Odella Flomo crowned on June 12 at the Ministerial Complex in Monrovia



FRANCE: Candice Guivarch from Normandy, crowned at Hôtel-Spa Le Splendid Dax



BELGIUM: Nisa Van Baelen, crowned on June 26 at the Sotto's Live Music Venue



CUBA: Cynthia Linnet Lau, crowned on June 27 during a special ceremony held in Miami

REGIONAL FINALS AND CONTESTANT SELECTION UNDERWAY:
BRAZIL, IRELAND, JAPAN, KOREA, PERU, SPAIN and UKRAINE

CONTESTANT'S APPLICATION NOW OPEN:
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DELEGATE SELECTED (CORONATION TO BE SCHEDULED):
PAKISTAN (Aina Qureishi)

ONGOING NATIONAL PAGEANTS



PANAMA: August 25 at the Atlapa Convention Center



NETHERLANDS: August 28 at Studio 21 in Hilversum



SLOVENIA: Finals on September, venue to be announced



NORTHERN MARIANAS: September 18 at Hyatt Regency Saipan



REUNION ISLAND: Date and venue to be announced



MALTA: November 7, venue to be announced


ONGOING VIRTUAL NATIONAL PAGEANT PHILIPPINES

PRIDE CELEBRATION MESSAGES

"I am so grateful for Pride Month for many reasons. Most of all I am grateful for the activists who are paving the way for others to feel free. Seeing those close to me afraid to express love because of traditional mindsets is heartbreaking. With the pride movement we are making a new tradition, the tradition of living authentically.

Because someone lives and loves differently, does not mean their way is wrong. What is wrong is believing there is only one way to live our lives. What is wrong is feeling entitled to push our perspectives and ideals onto one another. Our journey to true happiness is finding fulfillment in life, fulfillment only YOU can discover and define.

Let us all evolve into a higher level of consciousness and put happiness, love, respect, and most of all PRIDE of our truest selves first."

- MISS EARTH 2020 Lindsey Coffey  lindseymariecoffey




"Pride is promoting respect and tolerance, it is educating to stop pointing out others because of their appearance, tastes or orientation. Living in freedom of being able to love, with respect for our neighbor and tolerance, leads us to the path of happiness. Happy Pride!"

- MISS EARTH Air 2020 Stephany Zreik  stefyzreik



"Being able to celebrate who we truly are is one of the most beautiful things I could ever imagine. To be whoever we want to be freely and without judgement. To be given equal rights and opportunities in all aspects. To see love as love, just as simple as it is. People in the past have started the journey to break stereotypes. Everyday at present I dream of moving forward with progress to this movement. We walk in the same land, breathe the same air, have the same beating heart. We don't have to be part of the LGBTQ+ community to understand, we just have to be human. Be loud and proud allies! Here's to celebrating the love in world!"

- MISS EARTH Water 2020 Roxie Baeyens  roxiebaeyens



"Pride is how we treat people around us, it's being proud of who you are. It's how we love and how we live. It's about showing tolerance and acceptance to everybody, no matter their beliefs, race, sexual orientation or gender. It's our human rights to live on equal terms, no matter what background or country we're from. In other words, it's what defines us as humans at our very core. Take pride in who you are. Happy Pride everyone!"

- MISS EARTH Fire 2020 Michala Rubinstein  michalapetrovnarubinstein



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