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Girls enjoy the spotlight during one-of-a-kind pageant

Twenty young women will come together for a one-of-a-kind pageant.

Contestants with disabilities and life challenges will showcase their individuality during the Miss Arc Broward Pageant. It will take place Nov. 12 at Parker Playhouse, 707 NE Eighth St., Fort Lauderdale.

The girls will showcase their individuality in the categories of evening wear, talent and personality.

“Each contestant is empowered to share her talents and truly enjoy her moment in the spotlight,” said Brittany Stiles, who is co-chairing the event with Christina Shea. “If only for that day, Miss Arc Broward contestants can forget about their disabilities and just be another sparkling, spunky girl.”

Reigning Little Miss Arc Broward Samantha Bash and Miss Arc Broward Margaux Grimmel will help local celebrity judges crown the new winners. This year, the awards will be presented by 2017 Miss Florida USA Linette De Los Santos and 2017 Miss Florida Teen USA Victoria DiSorbo.

Just before the start of the event at 2 p.m., there will be a Singing Machine Pop-up Karaoke Party with special guest Audrey Nethery. The 9-year-old YouTube celebrity has a rare bone marrow syndrome called Diamond Blackfan Anemia. She inspires others through karaoke videos.

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Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit Arc Broward. For more than 60 years, the organization has been working to change how people with developmental disabilities and life challenges are embraced and included.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.arcbroward.com.



Arc Broward’s Miss Arc Broward Pageant takes place Nov. 12 at Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale.

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Marcia, left, Katie Leibick and Anelisse



Layla, left, Megan Janes and Samantha Penedo



Shayna Freyman, left, Saylor and Jasmine



Sara Shake, left, Anjoyel and Amanda DeRoxtra