

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Division of Festival's Princess and Duchess Show Happens Sunday, Here are the Contestants

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A collage of the Princess and Duchess Show contestants, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022. By. USVI DIVISION OF FESTIVALS

The V.I. Division of Festival's Princess and Duchess Show takes place this Sunday at the Alfredo Andrews Elementary School beginning at 4:00 p.m., with three contestants vying for the princess crown, while two compete for the duchess.

The event kicks off the festival season in earnest, which last took place on St. Croix in 2019, as Covid-induced mandates prevented cultural activities for at least two years.

On Sunday, the contestants will bring their best to the show, which will be followed by the Queen Show on Dec. 18. Tickets for both shows are available at the V.I. Dept. of Tourism's office in Frederiksted, and at Urban Threadz at the Sunny Isle Shopping Center.

Below, the contestants:

2022/2023 Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess Contestant #3

Name: **Anya' Gisselle Ettienne**



Age: 9

School: Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School

Favorite Restaurant on STX: McDonald's

Favorite STX Artist: Danica David

Why do you want to be the Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess? Anya' decided to compete in the 70th Festival pageant because of her love for the Island and the performing arts. Anya would like to utilize her platform to encourage all young girls on the island that they are enough, if you believe in yourself and work hard you can achieve anything in life.

2022/2023 Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess Contestant #2

Name: **Zy'Naii Sapphire Prentice**



Age: 9 years old

School: Claude O. Markoe Elementary School

Favorite Restaurant on STX: Bombay Restaurant

Favorite STX Artist: Pumpa

Why do you want to be the Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess?

"Being the 70th festival princess, I will use my crown as a vehicle of inspiration encouraging other young girls like myself to see that they can do anything they put their minds to do. Yes, I believe pageantry promotes confidence and builds amazing character traits. Being the princess will help me create avenues to succeed."

2022/2023 Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess Contestant #1

Name: **Avanae Kuai Esme Hurtault**



Age: 7

School: Lew Muckle Elementary School

Favorite Restaurant on STX: Bombay

Favorite STX Artist: Adam O

Why do you want to be the Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Princess? "I saw my God Mother Tatyana Massiah on stage for the Miss St.Croix 2019-2020 and I wanted to be on stage just like her!"

2022/2023 Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Duchess Contestant #2

Name: **O'Nae Elise Norma Milligan**



Age: 6

School: Ricardo Richards Elementary School

Favorite Restaurant on STX: Savant

Favorite STX Artist: Pampa

Why do you want to be the Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Duchess? "I would like to become the 70th Duchess because I'm very intelligent, outspoken, and would like to inspire children my age to always believe in their self and to never give up."

Lets get to know our 2022/2023 Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Duchess Contestant #1

Name: **Je'Talia Sarah Hanley**



Age: 7 years old

School: Alfredo Andrews Elementary School

Favorite Restaurant on STX: The Mill on the Boardwalk (They have Pizza)

Favorite STX Artist: None selected.

Why do you want to be the Crucian Christmas Festival 70th Anniversary Duchess? "My mommy, my Auntie and my cousins have all been queens and I have always wanted to be like them. I play with their crowns and look at their beautiful pictures and I know that one day I will be able to follow in the footsteps of the people I look up to the most!"

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