

Festival Court



The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court consists of Miss Scandinavia 2017, junior and senior princesses — sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge — chaperones and a crown bearer. These young women and young man serve as festival ambassadors to visit local lodges, churches and services groups to spread the word of the Midsummer Festival. They also travel to out-of-town festivals to participate in parades. At 7 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the Queen's Coronation, the princesses and crown bearer will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select a senior princess to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2018. Soloists from the community will sing the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Nordic Viking Dancers will perform traditional folk dances. Afterward, there is a Torchlight Procession to the Bonfire, where everyone can throw a hex in the fire to rid themselves of bad luck for the year. The evening will continue with a family-friendly Queen's Ball with live music by Scandinavian Country. Come early at 5 p.m. to enjoy live entertainment featuring the musicians from Scandinavia.

2017 MISS SCANDINAVIA

MEGAN SCHACHER

Megan, the daughter Michael and Melissa Schacher, is a senior at Astoria High School. She works on estate sales and construction. She is also an instructor at the Astoria Aquatic Center and a commercial fisherman for the Pacific Bounty. After graduation she plans to go to school for nursing.



2018 SENIOR COURT CHAPERONE

MICHELLE DEVOS

Michelle is married to Jonathon DeVos and has three children. Her daughter, Megan, was 2016 Senior Miss Norway and crowned Miss Scandinavia. She works for the Warrenton School District as the director of Warrenton Prep Preschool. She admits to liking Lutefisk.



2018 JUNIOR COURT CHAPERONE

ANGIE CEREGHINO

Angie is married to Mickey Cereghino. She has three children, including Ty, this year's Crown Bearer. Angie has been involved in the Festival as far back as she can remember. The Festival has been a big part of her life, and she wants her kids to experience and enjoy it as much as she has enjoyed it.



2018 CROWN BEARER

TY CEREGHINO

Ty is the son of Mickey and Angie Cereghino. The Scandinavian influences in his family are dancing, food and faith. Family is a big part of his life, and work ethic is important to him. He helps out whenever he is needed, such as with the cows and other farming jobs that need done.



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2018 SENIOR MISS FINLAND

KOURTNEY TISCHER

Kourtney, the daughter of Steve and Liisa Tischer, is a junior at Knappa High School. She is involved in varsity volleyball, varsity basketball and the Oregon High School Equestrian Team. She is vice president of the Knappa High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and next year will take on the role of president. She is excited to wear the same costume her mother wore as Senior Miss Finland in 1994.



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2018 SENIOR MISS NORWAY

KAITLYN BAKKENSEN

Kaitlyn, a senior at Scappoose High School, has played three years of volleyball, four years of gold and was the basketball manager her senior year. Next year, she attends Pamplin School of Business at the University of Portland. Her Scandinavian heritage comes from her grandfather Joe Bakken, who had a Norwegian mother and Danish father.



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MADALYN HELLBERG

Madalyn, the daughter of Jon and Melissa Hellberg, is a junior at Camas High School. She is on the Honor Roll and volunteers at a preschool three days a week. She is a member of her school's Green Team for environmental sustainability and takes child development classes in pursuit of a teaching career. She was also Junior Miss Sweden in 2008.



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ARIANNA STEWART

Arianna Stewart is the daughter of Ciprianna Stewart and the granddaughter of Debra and Eric Stewart. She enjoys gymnastics, ballet, drawing, painting, singing and designing videos on the computer. Arianna's grandmother was a singer and dancer in Vaudeville who passed down many songs to her descendants.



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CHEYENNE SUTTON

Cheyenne's parents are Josh and Laura Sutton. Her older sister Georgia Sutton was Junior Miss Finland last year. She likes to play softball and would love to be involved in 4H when she is older. Her favorite thing to do is play outside with her dog, Marley. She would like to have her own horse one day.



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2018 JUNIOR MISS ICELAND

HOLLY BJARANSON

Holly, the daughter of Boomer and Suzanne Bjaranson, likes jazz and ballet. She plays soccer, basketball and softball. She also learned to play golf and participated in golf camp last summer. She enjoys art, drawing and making projects. She attends a weekly Bible school.



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SOFIA NYGAARD

Sofia Nygaard, the daughter of Carolyn and John Nygaard, is an avid reader. She loves to write her own short stories and poetry and draw artwork for them. She also enjoys playing soccer, basketball and softball. She is looking forward to making new friends and getting to know her community and heritage.



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MARLIE McCAULEY

Marlie is the daughter of Ben McCauley and Deanna Posey. Her favorite parts of the Scandinavian Festival are the Queen's Ball, the Vikings and the Barnefest. She enjoys dance and basketball, and last year she played catcher on her softball team.

