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DREAMWALK

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EVENT SCHEDULE

6:00 PM - Early VIP Entry to Pre Show Pop Up

6:30 PM - Doors Open for Pre Show Pop Up

7:30 PM - Fashion Show Starts with DJ Dramos

Opening Act: Kicking Sunrise

Second Performer: Switch Mob

Dreamer Award - Mindy Scheier - Runway of Dreams

Closing Act: Zach Matari & The After Parti



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PINK DREAMERS

AMANDA DELGADO - @_my_sweet_curves._

When I was younger I didn't have a thick woman to look up to, so I want to be that for young people. I've pushed out of my depression and anxiety, and continue to set goals and achieve them. I want to prove to myself that I can do anything!



CORI BURTON - @itscorisheabutta

For a long time, I struggled with my complexion and how I was treated. As a dark-skinned woman, I want to show girls and women of all ages that self love is the best love. Embrace everything that you have and do it with confidence.

IRIS PEREZ - @iamirisperez

Being a single mom who struggled through unhealthy relationships was not easy. Fortunately, I found modeling to be an outlet I use it to empower myself and others. I want to continue to inspire other young women & to let them know that it's never too late to live your dreams.



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ISNA JEAN-LOUIS

ISNA JEAN-LOUIS - @mzizzyis

I am a first generation Haitian Bahamian American, which has presented many challenges. I make it my duty to uplift women of all cultures, shapes & sizes. I think everyone has something special about themselves & we should embrace it and live our own perfect imperfections

KAT STROUD - @katstroudofficial

As a plus size woman, I've been bullied my entire life about my size. From my father to random strangers. I've battled depression and still do, I'm a mother, a wife and body positive activist who believes that every body deserves respect and love. Period.

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LAURYN TREMBLAY

LAURYN TREMBLAY - @lauryn_life

I have overcome alcoholism & codependency. I have learned what self love truly is & how filling a void inside with outside things or people will never work. There is so much false reality today, so it's important to remember who we are & that we are all fabulous in our own ways!

NATALIE CHRISTINA - @nataliechristina

DreamWalk combines all of the things I love - inspiring others, women empowerment and fashion shows. I love all the positivity surrounding this event and I am grateful to be able to live out my dream of walking a runway with other amazing people.

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NATALIE CHRISTINA



RUSSELL LASH (PINK ORACLE)

There's no reason to ever feel ashamed or embarrassed because of how you look. No one should feel isolated or marginalized just because they are disabled or are interested in Drag. The world will never accept seeing disabled drag queens on runways until they see them!

SHAREIF (REEF) HALL - @reef_hall

I walk with a right leg prosthetic that I received at age 4 from a faulty escalator accident. Through trials and tribulations, I've overcome "my" worst fear, so now I hope to inspire others to keep pushing, and understand that being different/ unique is a gift.



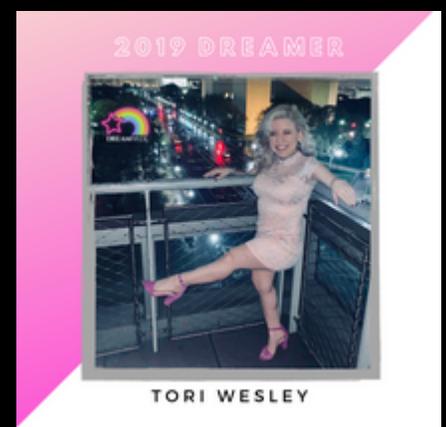
TIFFANY-PATRICE HUNTER - @tiffriahgrande

I got bullied a lot as a child and it took an extreme toll on my mental and emotional health. I now run an IG account centered around body positivity, love and self acceptance. Knowing I make a positive impact on other people's lives by being who I am is a riveting experience.

TORI WESLEY - @toriwes

I was diagnosed with a rare kidney and bone disease that at one point left me unable to walk for 3 years.

Although only 4'4", I know I will never have long "perfect" legs, but these things do not hinder my ability to inspire and build confidence for others.



PURPLE DREAMERS

DANIELLA SARLO - @daniellasarlo

I've been small my whole life, and have unfortunately always been teased about my size. I want to show others that you are not defined by what media wants or what people say or think. Rather, you are defined by how you feel about yourself.



DANIELLE P JETER - @dpjeter

I realized a long time ago that my life's purpose is to inspire others. I've overcome the "you can't do that" limitations placed on me as a young, black, female CEO. They told me I wasn't good enough or I could not succeed yet...I've crushed it!



EMILY DEPASSE - @sexeducation

When I was diagnosed with herpes 4yrs ago, I needed to know that I was still worthy of love, affection, and desire. I want to get on this stage and show others that a STI diagnosis doesn't reflect your sense of self-worth. I want to show others that reclaiming their sexuality & self-confidence is possible and within reach.



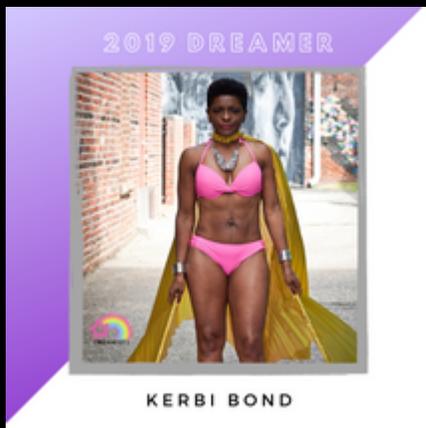


ERIKA ANDERSON - @sparklefantastic

The older I get, the more I realize the only person's opinion that matters is your own. I do what I can every day to brighten someone else's and try not to let negativity bring me down. Life is too short. It's too short for fake chocolate, fake butter, and fake people!

GINA LYNN PEARSON - @ginalynnpearson

The ability to surround oneself with empowering, beautiful, strong, bold, and courageous women – even for an evening – provides enough energy for one to continue striving, thriving, and pushing past barriers that they could not have dreamed of.



KERBI BOND - @justbu_fit

At age 52, I'm finally achieving my goal of being a runway model. I recently beat depression that was so bad I considered hurting myself, and this show is helping me become more confident with who I am. You really can overcome any obstacles or boundaries in your way!

MATTHEW DIAZ - @happyfattransman

I grew up as a closeted fat LGBTQ kid and was bullied in school. After a failed attempted suicide, I finally came to terms with my identity as a transgender man and am thankful for my supportive family. Today, I'm proud to show off my new chest and beautiful scars.





RENEE GATTI - @polkadot_renee

I recently turned 40, which means I've been on my self-love journey for a few years now. There isn't another other person in the world that's exactly like me and that's ok. It's ok for us all to be different. It's ok for us all to look different.

SAYLOR GIBBS - @saylorkgibbs

My goal in life isn't just to survive, but to really live. As a handicapped and chronically ill dreamer, I hope for greater visibility for people like me. I want to show people that being different is not bad or shameful. Being different is what makes us beautiful and human.



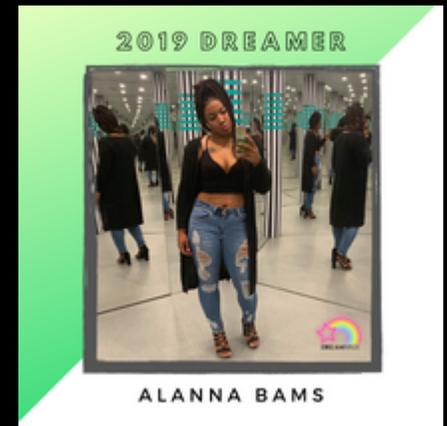
TAYLOR ORR - @taylorrynai

I've been teased about my weight since elementary school and was bullied and assaulted in middle school for being both fat and gay. In college, I started fully loving myself for who I am. I want to show people you can both celebrate & be celebrated in the skin you're in.

GREEN DREAMERS

ALANNA BAMS - @earth2lanna

Exactly 4 years ago to the day, my life was changed forever after having a mini stroke and being diagnosed with a rare Chronic Kidney Disease called, IgA Nephropathy. I continue to live my life as best I can, knowing that I still need a living donor to save my life.



AMBER WORLEY - @ad12590

I beat a brain tumor twice and also have a rare brain disorder called idiopathic intracranial hypertension. Both have a significant impact on my daily life, but I will never give up my fight. I've always wanted to be a model to help remind people to never give up their dreams.

AUDREY GREENEYES - @audreygreeneyes

For a long time I felt foreign in my own body, but through hard work I've lost about 80lbs. Now my mirror image reflects who my soul knows who I'm meant to be. While my body on the inside feels like a torture chamber.

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CHARLES ABOUZIED - @teamwagon

I realized in order to have love and be loved, I needed to learn to love myself first. Today, I choose to no longer see my body as something to be ashamed of, but rather something to embrace. This show is another step towards embracing myself wholeheartedly.

NIEMATULAI JALLOH - @hausofjalloh

I want to inspire those who have gone through a traumatic childhood that they are stronger than their circumstances & prove to others we are our greatest allies. I loved attending last year's show in Philadelphia and believe in the mission behind DreamWalk!



SUMMER JOURDAN DENNIS - @sjdennis23

I love the beauty of having people from all aspects of life represented. As someone who has been through various physical, emotional and sexual trauma, it's inspiring to read other stories and think mine may help others struggling through the same.

VALEN KEEFER - @valenkefer

I'm a polycystic kidney disease (PKD) survivor and dual transplant recipient (both a kidney and liver). I'm thriving thanks to my selfless organ donors and I thank them by living a joyful life, full of gratitude and with a passion to help educate and inspire the world about PKD and the miracle of organ donation.



BLACK DREAMERS



CORD SKYLA - @cordskyla

I have always wanted to walk a runway in drag. I used to teach runway and am an upcoming model and actor. I lost my mom due to breast cancer and my fiancé two months later in the Pulse shooting. Knowing they both believed in me is what keeps me going every day.

CRYSTAL CAVE - @crystalcave.style

In the last few years, I've dropped the body shame and went for my dreams. I launched an online style school, as well as a size inclusive clothing line, called Poppy Row. I hope to inspire women to drop the stories around their bodies and start living life to the fullest.



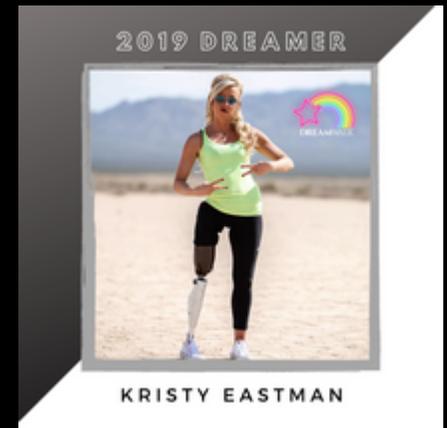
JESSICA SHIRE - @positively_me1

I grew up despising my body because I have always looked different to other people. It upsets me, that in 2019, people like me still are not represented in advertising. I believe that no matter who you are, we all can and should be represented in the media.



KRISTY EASTMAN - @disxabledbeauty

I'm an above knee amputee model that loves sharing how being different is beautiful. After having my leg amputated a year and a half ago, I completely transformed my life for the better. I want to inspire others to recognize beauty comes in all different ways.



TANECIA RODRIGUEZ - @thisis_tanslife

It's extremely important to me that all of my kids, but especially my daughter, have a positive self image. I know that children do what we do, so I try to show them that mental, physical and spiritual health are all equally important. We are more than just our outward appearance.



TIFFANY GRAY - @curvymodeltg412

I want to be an example to all those going through heartache, having feelings of hopelessness, or those who feel they aren't good enough. I want them to see me and know that I was that woman too and somehow found the strength within myself.



BLUE DREAMERS

CAITLIN MAFFEI - @caitmaffff

I suffer from a medical condition called Ehlers Danlos syndrome. I hope to inspire others with Eds or other invisible illnesses to be able to show that they too can feel sexy and carefree, and give their body some love, even if their body doesn't love them back.



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JAMIASHA MCINTOSH

JAMIASHA MCINTOSH - @miiashaa

I was born with cerebral palsy, which caused me to struggle with confidence and self-esteem. But this year, I am more open to exposing myself to the world and loving myself the way I am. There are a lot of kids with their own disabilities who I want to inspire.

FABIANNA MARIE - @fabfighting

I'm a 13 year triple negative metastatic breast cancer warrior. With over 150 rounds of chemo therapy, surgeries, and radiation, I've turned my fight into a way to help others. I want to inspire, I want to give hope, and I want everyone to know their dreams are worth fighting for.

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FABIANNA MARIE



LAUREN LITTLE - @littlelauren_

At the age of 16, I was diagnosed with an incurable autoimmune disease known as systemic juvenile arthritis (JIA). My illness has helped focus me into the direction of helping those in need, and uplifting those who could use a helping hand.

KATHLEEN BAKER - @pook113

I'd love to inspire women to embrace their bodies right now. As someone who's always been a "bigger" girl, I'm done waiting to live or wear a bikini due to my weight. Life is happening right now and it feels good to care less about what others think.



RACHELLE OLIVER - @rachellenyc

I've always been too dark, too short, too quiet, but I want little girls that look like me to feel included. I don't want them to feel less than because of the color of their skin and what society is telling them about beauty standards.

YELLOW DREAMERS

ALEXA PHELECE - @alexaphelece

I've never felt like my body was good enough for beauty standards. I also struggled with acne and serious self esteem issues. Once I began modeling and EBDL, I fell in love with my self love journey and I want to help others start theirs.

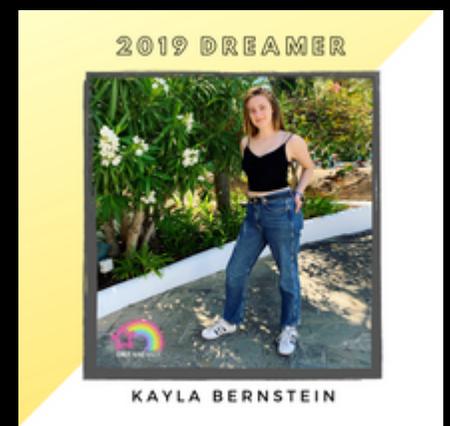


ALI BERNSTEIN - @ali.bernstein

I'm happy to be walking with my sister, Kayla, because she has always supported me and pushed me to be true to myself inside and out. I greatly admire her ability to be comfortable with who she is and celebrate all the things that make her unique.

KAYLA BERNSTEIN - @kayla_bern

I find it exciting that there is a fashion show that actually makes you feel MORE comfortable in your skin, rather than defeated and judged. As a song writer, I have seen that music has a power of bringing people together. Just like music, fashion is something with that same power.





BRI BOGGS - @bribri018329_curvilinear

I've been transgender for about 10 years, and it's been a struggle. I've suffered from mental breaks and been overlooked for jobs because of my transgender identity. I'm a Dreamer because anyone, regardless of how you live your life, is beautiful.

CHRIS RUDEN - @chrisruden

I was born with a physical disability and also have an auto immune disease. I recently got a prosthetic arm, which allows me to be more comfortable in my skin. I want to be the role model that I never had growing up.



HAILEY VALENTE - @haileyvalente

At a young age, I was diagnosed with an anxiety and mood disorder. I now take medication to help me stay balanced, but there's so many people who suffer in silence. I want to shed light on the fact that mental illness can affect anyone and that there's hope for you.

MILINDA DAVILA - @milindamarie

After losing my grandma to cancer, my best friend to suicide, and my fur baby to old age, I learned life is short and to chase after your dreams. I am the definition of not giving up and I want to show all women that they can get through anything & still feel fabulous doing it!





SHIRLEY SOUTHWORTH- @positivelyfitwshirl

From once being 310lbs to now weighing 150, I hope to spark the belief that anything is possible. I used to feel like I was alone and that I could never change my destructive behaviors. But I did! And now I want to lift up others seeking guidance and inspiration.

STELLA WILLIAMS - @thestellawilliams

I advocate for all of the plus size apples out there. My mission is to include all sizes as valid, so we can celebrate who we are without barriers because of how we look. Since hearing of DreamWalk, I've been committed to proving there is space for people like me.



WHITE DREAMERS

ANGEL GIUFFRIA - @aannggeelll

I was born missing the lower half of my left arm and have worn prosthetic devices my entire life. As an actress, being in the industry with a nontraditional body type hasn't been easy but it's definitely improving. I'm doing my best to remind the world every day that being different is actually amazing.



ANITA FELLENBAUM

Later in my adulthood, I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, psoriatic and rheumatoid arthritis hence increasing my daily pain. My physical health continues to be problematic, however I continue to strive to do things that make me feel successful each year.



CINDI SCAFFIDI - @bitesizedmom

I'm over 60 years old and still love sparkly things! I want to show others that just because you're old, that doesn't mean you have to stop rocking your look or feeling fabulous. My daughters inspire me to continue chasing after the dreams you once thought weren't possible.





GABRIELLA SIMONIS - @msgabriellarose

My dad passed very suddenly a few years back, and ever since I have been living every day to the fullest. Walking in this show is my chance to show my dad up above and the rest of my family how much they have taught me and how much I have overcome because of them.

ISAIAH CAMPBELL - @izzyrawrcamps_

I want the world to know that beautiful is a lot more than just the superficial. Beauty is waking up knowing that odds may be stacked against you, but attacking your day with a smile anyways. I want people to know that, and to know that self love is more attainable than they thought.

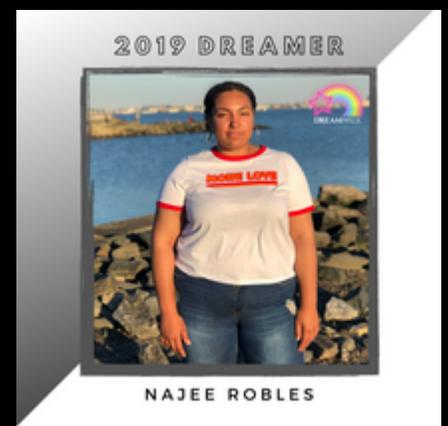


JESSY KYLE - @jessykyle

I am a mom, wife, singer, inventor, entrepreneur and three time survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma. I am positive and believe in encouraging and uplifting others. I hope my health triumphs will inspire others to live their dreams and never give up.

NAJEE ROBLES - @nikeya.r

I am a dreamer. I dream big, so that I can be the best version of myself mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. I dream of change, and change start within us all. This runway is a place where people from all walks of life come together and show the world how powerful love can be. Together we are unstoppable.





OLIVIA DEPIORE - @olviadepiore2018

I am a 22 year old cancer survivor who just happens to have Down Syndrome. I want to prove to the world that individuals with differing abilities can be successful in life... we may just do it a little different than others. Downs doesn't get me down!

PAMALA MINTZ - @prettygirl3018

I am still adjusting to the huge scar that runs down the center of my chest from open heart surgery. I want to show people that my scar didn't mess up my beauty. In actuality, it made me more gorgeous because it shows I am a survivor.



SHAQUITA GARCIA - @themhwmagazine

Being 8 months pregnant, I would like to show women that they can do or be anything they want, no matter the circumstance. A lot of women feel that pregnancy keeps them from doing something, but it doesn't have to. I totally appreciate a platform like Dreamwalk to help change the world.

SVETLANA CHERNIENKO - @therealsvetlana

I want to show that all bodies at all ages are beautiful. Turning 40 and feeling rejected by my agency was one of the hardest things in my life. I want to show the world anyone can be beautiful, you have to believe in yourself.



2019 DREAMIER AWARD

Presented to:

MINDY SCHEIER

Founder & President, Runway of Dreams



Runway of Dreams Foundation is a nonprofit organization working toward a future of inclusion, acceptance, and opportunity in the fashion industry for people with disabilities. Founded in 2014, on the basis that clothing is a basic human need, the Runway of Dreams Foundation develops, delivers, and supports initiatives to broaden the reach of adaptive clothing and promote people with disabilities in fashion. Through adaptive runway shows, awareness building campaigns, wardrobe grants and scholarship programs, the Runway of Dreams Foundation is empowering people with disabilities with opportunity, confidence, independence and style. Mindy Scheier is the Founder and CEO of RoDF.