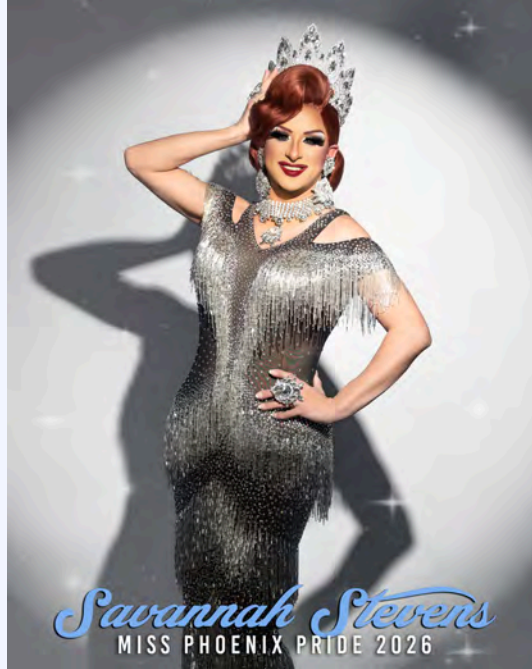


# Pride & Power

A newsletter by Miss Phoenix Pride 2026 Savannah Stevens



## YOUR REIGNING ROYALTY

Miss Phoenix Pride  
2026 -  
Savannah Stevens

Mister Phoenix Pride  
2026 -  
Mickey Del Rio

Mx Phoenix Pride  
2025 -  
Rosie Cheeks

Miss Jr Phoenix Pride  
2026 -  
DVS

## Hello!

Community, family, and friends, I am so honored to introduce myself Savannah Stevens (She/Her) your newly crowned Miss Phoenix Pride 2026, and I am thrilled to welcome you to the very first edition of Pride & Power!

Pride & Power will be my monthly newsletter to our community, a space for updates, reflections, celebrations, and all the magic we create together throughout the reign of the Phoenix Pride Royalty team!

CONGRATULATIONS to my fellow Mister & Miss Phoenix Pride class of 2026 friends, we helped raise \$36,242.69 for the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation and it's programs this season!

When preparing this newsletter it was very important to me that I share this platform with our entire Royalty team so I have also invited Mister Phoenix Pride 2026 Mickey Del Rio, Miss Jr Phoenix Pride 2026 DVS, & Mx Phoenix Pride 2025 Rosie Cheeks to contribute.

Look forward to sharing our journey with you all year!

## About me...

Since starting my professional career as a Drag Performer 25 years ago, I have had the honor and privilege to build both personal and professional connections both locally and nationally! I am fortunate to have held titles such as Miss Gay Queen of the Desert America 2012, Miss Gay Phoenix America 2014, Miss Gay Scottsdale America 2016, Miss Gay Arizona America 2016, Miss Gay Western States America 2017, Miss Imperial Court Pride 2019, Miss Charlie's Pride 2022, Miss BS West Pride 2023, Miss Desert Rose Pride 2026 and now your reigning Miss Phoenix Pride 2026!

Each title teaches you something new about who you are. Every stage, challenge, moment of vulnerability, and even achievement has shaped me into a stronger, more grounded, intentional version of myself! These titles didn't just elevate me and my art they helped me grow as a leader, and advocate!

People have asked me personally "Why do you want to be Miss Phoenix Pride?" I want to be Miss Phoenix Pride because I believe in the impact of our work, in fundraising that creates real change, and in serving with purpose. More than anything, I want to be a light of visibility and an inspiring force for everyone! This title gives me the chance to give back to the community that shaped me, lifted me, and loved me into the person I am today!

I look forward to sharing more about me over the next year!



*Savannah Stevens  
Miss Phoenix Pride 2026*



## What You Can Expect from me as Miss Phoenix Pride 2026

As Miss Phoenix Pride 2026, I am committed to upholding the mission and values of The Phoenix Pride Organization and the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation.

### 30 Days – Visibility

In my first month, I focused on visibility by completing my official photo shoot, attending Rainbow Festival, and launching the Pride & Power Newsletter.

### 60 Days – Regional Representation

By month two, I will begin planning travel and performance opportunities outside the Phoenix area, including Flagstaff, San Diego, Denver, Las Vegas, and more. My goal is to represent Phoenix Pride on a wider stage and spark conversations about the important work we do in Arizona.

### 90 Days – Phoenix Pride Pageant Legacy

I will connect with preliminary promoters and forever titleholders to strengthen communication, gather insights, and help to continue to support a successful and passionate pageant season.

### Highlights from My First 30 Days

The first 30 days of my reign have been a whirlwind, and I've loved every second.

- I was proud to walk in the Aunt Rita's AIDS Walk, Run & Roll, where our community raised over \$170,000 to support those impacted by HIV in Arizona.
- Alongside Mister Phoenix Pride 2026, Mickey Del Rio, I had the honor of working with the incredibly talented Scotty Kirby for our first official Phoenix Pride photo shoot.
- That same weekend, we celebrated Rainbow Festival. Mickey and I hosted the Miss Jr. Phoenix Pride 2026 Pageant on the Community Stage. Congratulations to DVS, our newly crowned Miss Jr. Phoenix Pride 2026.
- We also hosted and performed in the 2026 Pride Contestant Review Show. Thank you to our fellow classmates of 2026 for sharing your time and talents.
- I later performed in the Icons Show on the Main Stage. Thank you to Mister Phoenix Pride 2016, Geo, for the invitation.
- To close out the weekend, Mickey and I hosted and performed in the Phoenix Pride Royalty Show. Phoenix Pride Royalty was also invited to join the headlining band Femme Shui on stage for "Born This Way." Thank you to Femme Shui for sharing your stage with us. This band is incredibly talented, professionally trained, and covers rock, pop, and country favorites. Be sure to look them up and book them for your next event.

Thank you to all of the partners, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and attendees who made Rainbow Festival such a powerful celebration of community, love, and connection.

# MICKEY DEL RIO



*Mister Phoenix Pride 2026*



If you would have told me a couple years ago that i'd be writing this as Mister Phoenix Pride 2026, I probably would have laughed, rolled my eyes and pretended not to care about the situation. Not because I didn't care, but because I wasn't ready. I didn't know how to really express myself.

But the truth is, this title means more to me than just a crown, a sash or a "moment". It represents a community that quite literally helped bring me to life and helped build me up and supply me with the answer key to my success and truly loving and living my life as authentically as I can. There was a time when I felt disconnected. From people, from purpose and for the most part... from myself.

Spaces like our 2SLGBTQIA+ community or specifically the Rising Star Talent Competition became more than just nightlife for me... It became a place where I could exist again, be seen again. and eventually, find my voice again.

And now, I get to stand here. Not just as a performer, but as someone who wants to give that same feeling and those same chances back!

During my reign, my goal isn't just to raise money. My goal is to help create moments where people feel like they belong. Whether that's through a show, a conversation, a fundraiser, or even just a single interaction.

Because if there's one thing I've learned it's this: Even within our own community, we can still feel alone. There's so much beauty in how diverse the 2SLGBTQIA+ is. But with that diversity can sometimes come division. Different experiences, different identities, different perspectives. And sometimes, disconnection.

I don't have all the answers, But I do know this: I want to use my time as Mister Phoenix Pride to help bring people closer together.

Through storytelling, Through shared experiences, through spaces that feel welcoming and NOT intimidating. Through communication! Because that's part of how I connect with people best.

And if you've seen me in my Crossword Suit you already know I love a good puzzle!

This community can feel like one sometimes. It can feel complex, layered and not always easy to navigate. But if there's one thing

i'm committed to this year, it's helping us get a little closer to the same final answer... CONNECTION.

I'm also really passionate about creating space for people who may not always feel represented in traditional nightlife settings.

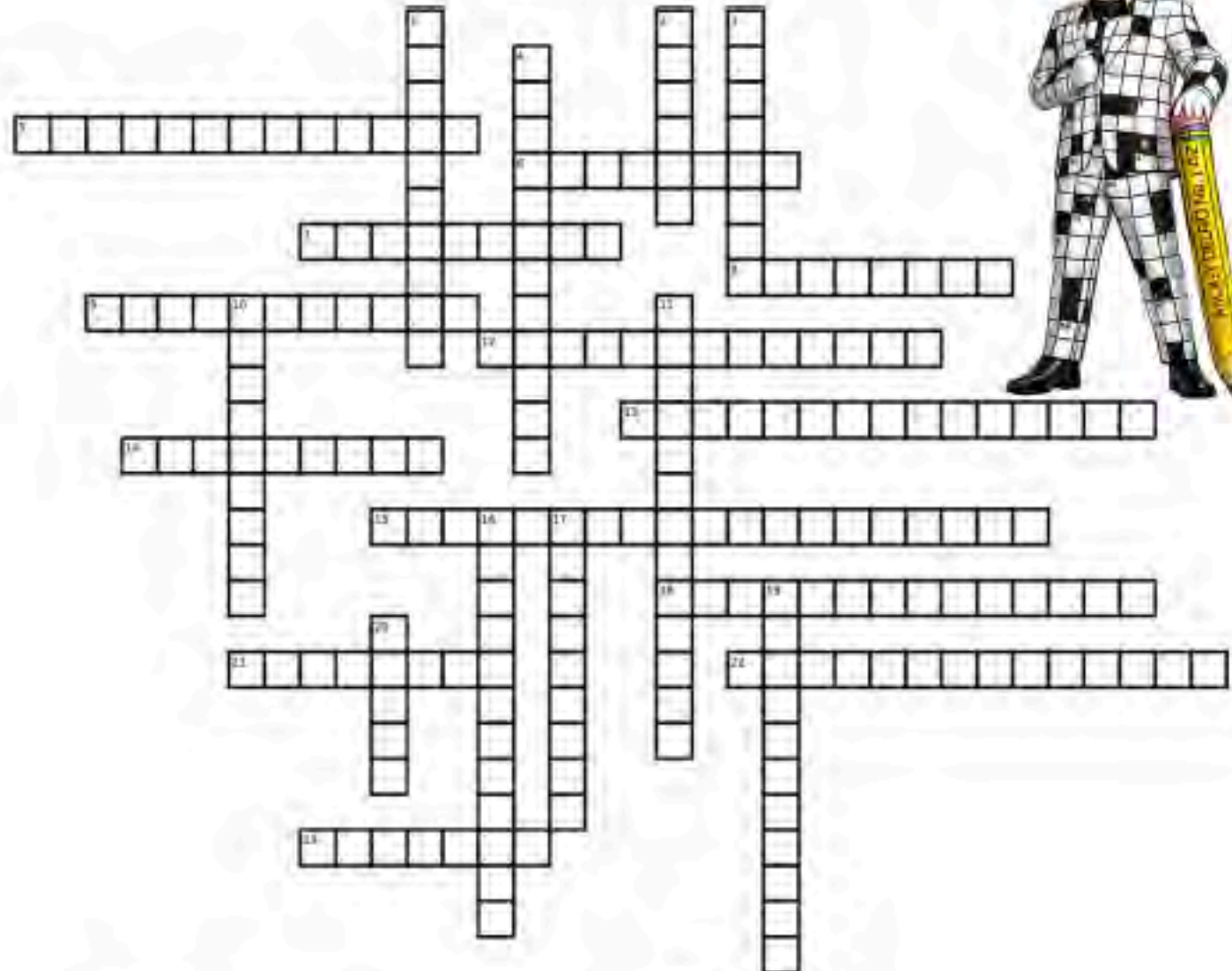
While bars and night clubs are such an important part of our culture, I want to help expand what community can look like through events, spaces and experiences that include those who are sober, in recovery, or simply looking for something different. There's room for all of us here!

I'm incredibly excited for what's to come! Not just for myself, but for what we can build together as a community. Whether you see me on stage, at an event, or just out and about, PLEASE come say hi. I mean that. This title may have my name on it, but it belongs to all of us. And in this Haus EVERYONE is welcome exactly as they are!

Let's make this year feel a little more connected, & unified.

With love,  
Mickey Del Rio  
Mister Phoenix Pride 2026

\*FIRST PERSON TO SEND MICKEY A COMPLETED PUZZLE WILL WIN A TABLE FOR 4 AT THE NEXT MICKEY DEL RIO SHOW\*



**Down:**

1. Being seen, acknowledged and represented, especially for those whose identities have been historically overlooked.
2. TMDRS live at \_\_\_\_\_ Bar in Phoenix.
3. An inclusive acronym representing diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions within the queer community
4. A celebration and movement uplifting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Arizona through visibility, advocacy, and connection.
10. An environment where individuals can express themselves freely without fear of judgement, harm or discrimination.
11. Co Host of TMDRS.
16. Host of TMDRS.
17. A group of people who create connection, support and belonging through shared experiences and identity
19. TMDRS Special Feature
20. The act of coming together across differences to build understanding, connection and collective strength.

**Across:**

5. TMDRS Resident Photographer & Videographer First names (\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_)
6. Ensuring everyone has fair access to the same rights, opportunities and protections.
7. Creating spaces where all people feel welcomed, respected and valued without needing to change who they are.
8. Taking action to support, protect and uplift the rights and well being of others.
9. TMDRS Encore Spotlight.
12. TMDRS Guest Star 1
13. TMDRS Guest Star 2
14. Mickey Del Rio's Red Carpet Fashion Runway Inspired By...
15. TMDRS
18. Seeing yourself reflected in spaces, leadership and media in a way that feels authentic and empowering.
21. TMDRS Guest Star 3
22. TMDRS Late-Night Spotlight
23. Showing up for others through encouragement, resources and care especially when it matters most.

# CALLING ALL MUSICIANS



**MISTER PHOENIX PRIDE 2026**

**MICKEY DEL RIO**

**IS BUILDING AN ALL QUEER - ALL INCLUSIVE BAND**

**SEEKING GUITARISTS, DRUMMERS, KEYS, HORNS, STRINGS,  
BACKGROUND VOCALISTS & DANCERS, ETC!**

**ALL IDENTITIES, ALL EXPRESSIONS & ALL BACKGROUNDS**

**THE OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING ORIGINAL MUSIC TO LIFE,  
PERFORM AT PHOENIX PRIDE EVENTS / FUNDRAISERS,  
CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEER ARTISTS TO BE SEEN,  
HEARD & CELEBRATED!**

**DM MICKEY DEL RIO FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**INSTAGRAM @THEMICKEYDELRIO**

## Rosie Cheeks Mx Phoenix Pride 2025

As Mx Phoenix Pride I've had the opportunity to be able to show up to events and Pride celebrations across the state and make connections that have brought a lot of support to our community. I'm so thankful for all of the support and encouragement from all of you throughout my reign! It's been such a privilege and honor to be apart of Phoenix Pride Royalty! And even though I only have a few more months left there's so much more coming! We are welcoming 5 amazing individuals into the Mx Class of 2026! Mikel Angelo, Esme Adore, Kadence McKenzie, Crush Vargas West, and Left To Rot are all vying to become Mx Phoenix Pride 2026! Please follow and support them on their journeys! Each contestant has to raise \$2000 for the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation, so please support them in their efforts to fundraise and to compete in July at the pageant!



It's almost showtime!  
Join me Sunday April 26th at  
The Rock at 3pm for  
Rosie's Broadway Cabaret  
a fundraiser for the Phoenix Pride  
Community Foundation!

A cast full of talent from across the  
valley and New York City giving nothing  
but some good ole theater kid realness!  
\$5 suggested donation at the door!



Hello! My name is DVS, 20 years old, and your reigning Miss Junior Phoenix Pride 2026! I was introduced to the art of drag during COVID, and finally found a place where I belong. Being 14 and in high school, there weren't many people that understood my humor or they felt my personality was too much for them. When I found drag, I found my people. During my reign, I hope to make those people who feel similar, feel like they do belong! Whether it's through queer art or through other types of expression, I have lots of connections to many fields in academics and other organizations to ensure people can enter spaces that they have interest in and feel safe in. Another thing you can expect from my reign is lots of high energy dance style performances and new looks I sew! I am obsessed with breaking the status quo. Expanding people's closed minds is a great way for me to make an impact on their lives in a positive direction. Put no one in a box, don't judge a book by its cover, because DVS is most likely to prove you wrong. And she'll come with the statistics too if needed.



I am excited to meet lots of new people! I have already gotten to know some of the current royalty in Arizona, and am eager to meet more new people. I am a little introverted in new spaces so even if I don't show it on the outside, on the inside, I am very happy. I want to uplift the LGBTQ+ community more and stand up for our rights. So I am looking forward to becoming more involved in coming together as a community to make a difference and in my expertise, make a difference amongst the youth. Currently, as of the beginning of April 2026, I have been able to see a good chunk of my favorite drag performers and got to break the news to them in person and the love and respect I have for those people will be forever. The love I received from this past week, lets me know I am not alone on this journey of being your Miss Junior Phoenix Pride 2026.

**DVS**  
**Miss Jr Phoenix Pride 2026**





Thrive, a Queercenter Program, is launching their water bottle drive starting April 13th!

In partnership with Phoenix Pride, you can drop off cases and gallons of water at the phxPRIDE office Monday - Friday, 11 am - 3 pm, from April 13th to August 31st!

Phoenix Pride Office  
1430 N 5th Street  
Phoenix AZ 85004  
Drop off: M-F 11 am - 3 pm

Your donation will help keep our displaced neighbors hydrated and cool this summer. For more information on Thrive or their water drive, email [Rochell@queercenteraz.org](mailto:Rochell@queercenteraz.org)

Every case and gallon of water makes a difference!

I hope you have enjoyed reading the first installment of Pride & Power and I'm looking forward to continuing this monthly newsletter and hope you are too!

Your love & support fuels everything we do. Please be sure to check out [www.phoenixpride.org](http://www.phoenixpride.org) for events, and how to stay informed and involved. Share this newsletter, invite a friend or please join us at an upcoming event!

Thank you for not only believing in me, but in Phoenix Pride. Your trust, love, and commitment to this community are the heartbeat of everything we do!

With love, gratitude, and respect,

*Savannah Stevens*

Miss Phoenix Pride 2026

