

Welcome to The Ms. Metaverse Pageant

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Welcome to the world of Virtual Vegas; a continuing series of adventurescapes. More than just a CD ROM game, this is your point of entry into the interactive world of Virtual Vegas. A place to explore; play and enjoy. An ever expanding digital world coming to you one CD-ROM at a time and over the Internet (Be sure to check out your free Mosaic Direct included on your CD-ROM).

While others give lip service about the future, we deliver a taste of it today. From the Ms. Metaverse Pageant to Assault Poker, we at Virtual Vegas strive to bring you new forms of entertainment that deliver on the promises of interactivity and connectivity. Free from the laws of physics, time, space, or the mob, Virtual Vegas is sure to become *-the most popular stop on the information highway.*

Please glance over these paragraphs, and if you have any questions or comments call us or email to **TechSupport@VirtualVegas.com**. If you have Mosaic or other World Wide Web internet browser, come visit us at **http://VirtualVegas.com**. If not, just run **\spry\setup.exe** on this CD-ROM. All you need is a modem and the software included here.

Ms. Metaverse was especially designed for Windows 95 and is most at home there. Also included is an optimised version for Windows 3.1. Ms. Metaverse also runs on Windows NT.

INSTALLATION:

The correct version of Ms. Metaverse is automatically installed to suit your system. Windows 95 users need only insert the CD-ROM to notice that they're completely taken care of by the AutoRun feature. Windows 3.1 users need to run **INSTALL.EXE**.

OPERATION

Log-in

Each time you wish to log-in to Virtual Vegas you must type your user ID in the name section of the log-in interface. You must also assign a password to make sure that only you can access your Virtual Vegas account. Each log-in name will have its own corresponding password and standing. Hit the "OK" button when you're finished. Each user who logs in will be given 500 complimentary credits. Users who log in as "GUEST" will not be able to save their standing.

Whoa! This Disc is Alive!

This isn't just a game. The Ms. Metaverse Pageant is an ongoing live event in Virtual Vegas! (You can judge for yourself at <http://VirtualVegas.com>.) ***This CD-ROM actually communicates with the pageant in progress via the internet.*** If you're using Windows 95, and you have a live link to the internet via SLIP, PPP, or LAN, you might notice the current contestants of Virtual Vegas Online parade across YOUR screen while you're running the Ms. Metaverse Pageant! We regularly digitize selected entrants, and ship them out to you over the 'net. To operate this feature:

1. Connect your Windows 95 machine to the internet via a SLIP, PPP, or LAN connection. (If you can use Mosaic, Netscape, or other web browser, you know you have a correct connection.)
2. Start up the Ms. Metaverse game.
3. After the intro movie, DON'T enter the cryo chamber, but turn around and enter the hallway.
4. Go all the way down the hall and click on the door at the far end.
5. If you have a good connection you will see the new characters at Virtual Vegas. Just double-click them to download them into your game. Simple. Thereafter, you can catch them running

around with the other Simms in Metaland. Characters you haven't yet downloaded automatically appear here, so check back often to see who's new!
6. Your game is never old. Pretty cool huh?

Quitting

Whenever you leave the game your log-in is updated. So the next time you log-in, you still have all your credits. If you lose it all and get kicked out, just log back in as a new name and you'll be given 500 complimentary credits. To end the game at anytime, simply hit "[ESC]".

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

To play you should have a 486-33 or faster CPU with 8-bit (256 color) or better graphics, a sound card, Microsoft Windows 3.1 and DOS 5.0, and a mouse. Your PC should have at least 8MB of RAM (more for slower machines), and a double-speed or better CD-ROM drive.

Tips

Certain high-resolution video cards may require updated driver software for correct operation. Please contact your video board manufacturer to see if newer driver software is available.

Ms. Metaverse uses a lot of Windows memory and resources. As with all Windows applications, not all resources are completely restorable to the system during and following execution. Performance is best when Ms. Metaverse is the first and only program running after starting Windows. So although you can use Alt-Tab to switch to other Windows programs running in the background, doing so can cause unpredictable results to the interface.

If you have problems reading any of your CD-ROMs check the CD-ROM for any scratches or finger prints. Use a soft cloth to wipe from the center to the edge. CD-ROMs are more vulnerable to damage than audio CDs, so always place them in the jewel box or CD caddies whenever possible.

TIPS for Windows 3.1 users

Systems with very little RAM may not operate, and will require a spacious permanent swapfile to obtain satisfactory response time. This can be accomplished with Control Panel\386\Virtual Memory. If you start to experience obviously extended periods of hard disk access bogging down the system ("thrashing"), the swapfile should be made smaller.

Be sure Windows is using a display driver that will provide 256 colors. This product is not designed for 16-color displays (e.g., the standard Windows VGA driver). If your colors look like kindergarten, run Windows Setup to install the display driver provided by your video card manufacturer that supports 256 colors.

Video play is improved by caching from the CD-ROM drive. The DOS 6.2 version of Smart Drive includes a CD cache which works well. To use it, start smartdrv.exe from your autoexec.bat and include the following line in your config.sys file:

device=c:\dos\smartdrv.exe /double_buffer

See your DOS manual for further details.

Color conflicts can be caused by your wallpaper. If the program loads up in the wrong colors, simply quit, set the wallpaper to [none] in Windows\Control-Panel\Desktop and run again.

How to Play

This information is included in the accompanying booklet.

Congratulations on your selection as a Judge cadet for Virtual Vegas' prestigious Ms. Metaverse Pageant. We have created the most advanced judging simulator in Cyberspace for your training. In order to master the Art of Pageant Judging, you will need to muster all of your

discipline and training to resist the beguiling charms and ample persuasions of these lovely contestants. Judge with objectivity and rigid determination and the Judges' rewards will be yours: glory, honor, cash and chicks.

Be warned, cyborgs and drag queens abound, often in the most tempting of forms. You should put them in the penalty box immediately upon uncovering them thus protecting the Metaverse throne and earning yourself some extra cash. Should you unintentionally crown one, you will immediately be dishonored and forced to pay a stiff penalty.

There are ten contestants, with five contestants to a round. You must spend your hard-earned VV cash sponsoring your initial selections and then judge them in the Looks, Talent and Brains Pavilions.

Your responsibilities are not limited to just ogling pretty girls. You must also keep the Simms (Programs which control the pageant's characters) from running amok within the Metaverse Pavilion. Their artificial stupidity programs could do irreparable damage to Virtual Vegas if allowed to wander around unchecked. You are armed with a virtual tagging dart which you need to use to tag any of the characters outside of their designated pavilions. This tagging process helps Virtual Vegas programmers keep track of these troublesome Simms. For your good aim, the Virtual Vegas bank automatically rewards you with VV cash which can be used to sponsor additional contestants.

Once you've mastered the CD-ROM, make sure you use Spry's Mosaic Direct included on your disc for free to place your vote for Virtual Vegas' Internet Ms. Metaverse.

The Good Judgment Primer

Once you've launched The Ms. Metaverse Pageant, your interactions will include navigating through the 3D rendered worlds, scoring contestants in the Judging Pavilions, and exploring your surroundings. Your actions are controlled by pointing and clicking at objects you want to effect and in the directions you wish to move. At times, the cursor will change giving you cues on what you'll need to do next.

Keep in mind that VV cash is the principle commodity in Virtual Vegas. You start with \$500, and earn more as you successfully judge, win at slots or tag wandering Simms. The tagging process is both the most satisfying and rewarding way to win extra cash. Simms will appear randomly on your screen - when you spot one, take aim with your cursor and blast away. You'll need this VV cash to continue sponsoring contestants.

HINT: Each contestant has a sponsorship fee, so spend your money wisely...you'll need it later!

The first interface you'll encounter is the Chryo-Chamber. Here you can peruse and interview your potential contestants before selecting them for the pageant. Click the Pointing Gloves in the upper left hand corner of the screen to change the highlighted contestant. Click on the Rotate button directly below to rotate that entrant within the chamber. The Get Info button pops up an info screen on the right of the interface from which you may ask the contestant questions. You may select a contestant for the Pageant by clicking the Select Contestant button. Once five contestants are selected you will automatically progress on to the Categories screen.

HINT: Click on one of the questions on the Info Screen to interview the contestants.

The Categories interface allows you to customize the pageant by ranking the relative importance of looks, brains and talent. By clicking on the arrow buttons adjacent to the ranking meters, you can adjust the significance of each. Once you're satisfied with your weighting, click on the O.K. button to proceed to the Comments screen.

In the Comments screen, you must enter a value from one to ten for each of the on screen comments (with 10 being the highest praise and 1 the lowest blow). This ranking will then be used by the host's artificial stupidity program to comment as you would. Once you have completed ranking comments, you will move on to the crossroads.

In the Crossroads, you can begin to navigate towards either the Judging Pavilions or the Tally Machine. (Remember, choosing the Tally Machine begins the final judging process, so do

not enter until you're ready to crown the winner!) The cursor changes to indicate the direction you would next be moving if you were to click the mouse button. As you navigate and explore, keep an eye out for Simms, and other objects that may demand further examination.

The Brains and Talent Pavilions, though located in different parts of the Metaland, are controlled in the same fashion. When you arrive in the Pavilions, you must select which of your contestants you would like to see perform by clicking on her button in the lower right hand corner of the screen. During her performance, you may at anytime hit the Gong button which automatically gives the contestant the lowest score. If you believe the contestant is a Cyborg or in drag, you may cast her into the Penalty Box which removes her from the round and also scores you extra VV cash. After a contestant has completed a performance, you must select an appropriate score by clicking on a position in the Judge-O-Matic to the left of the screen. Once all of the contestants have performed, you will be prompted to continue on your way through the Metaverse Pavilion.

HINT: The contestants union requires a mandatory surcharge for every performance. Run out of money and you'll need to make some more before you're allowed to continue.

In the Looks Pavilion, you must first select the subject to be ogled by clicking on one of the Contestant buttons in the lower right hand corner. Once selected, she/he/it must be scrutinized for telltale signs of drag queens or cyborgs. (Remember, if you spot either of these impostors, send them to the penalty box immediately!) This can be accomplished by rotating the contestant with the Rotate buttons and magnifying them by first clicking on the magnifying glass and then the body part of interest. Judging through the wondrous Judge-O-Matic works in the same way as in the Brains and Talent Pavilions.

HINT: Since there is no gong button in the Looks Pavilion, it may pay to examine them before entering the Talent or Brains Pavilions.

When you want to tally up your votes, navigate to the Tally Machine. By pulling the Tally Machine's lever, you will calculate the votes and pronounce one lucky contestant. Ms. Metaverse! At this time you will have the option to play again, save or quit.

HINT: Make money by shooting down renegade Simms. But, lose your position and respect by shooting the real contestants!

More Fun from Virtual Vegas

The Future of Virtual Vegas: Virtual Vegas On-Line

The future of entertainment

Don't miss your chance to dial into the Internet and explore the wild world of the World Wide Web. If you're already wired, check out Virtual Vegas' on-line presence at <http://www.VirtualVegas.com>.

If you've yet to establish your cyber-presence, we can plug you in. Just run `\spry\setup.exe` for info on opening your own direct account. Once registered, you'll be able to participate in all the dynamic services of Virtual Vegas On-Line. We're pushing the limits of the Web. You'll be able to interact with fellow VV players, shop on-line in multimedia storefronts, gamble in realistic 3D environments, enter contests, win real prizes and experience a taste of the first casino on the digital frontier.

Also, don't miss out on all the special offers available to you as a Virtual Vegas early adopter. By purchasing this disc, you will be eligible for discounts on future products and services simply by sending in your registration card. We look forward to seeing you in Virtual Vegas, the future of entertainment.

ASSAULT POKER

Minimum Bet...YOUR LIFE

In the Virtual Vegas underworld, Assault Poker challenges you to a deadly game of Five Card Draw. In this real time VR world, you must fight the cards, your opponents and the dealers in a deadly game of chance and skill. Choose your opponents from one of the many given Artificial

Intelligences or dial into the Internet for head to head competition with players from around the world. Anyway you cut these cards, Assault Poker raises the stakes of action packed gaming.

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The Most Luxurious Interactivity in Cyberspace

Explore the expanded Virtual Vegas Casino, rendered in luxurious hues for your gaming satisfaction. We've added a virtual craps table, slots and video poker as well as new wings to the Virtual Vegas casino for you to explore. In addition, we've expanded the interactivity with a new communications interface that conveys your moods and responses to the dynamic environment and characters of Virtual Vegas. With full Internet access, Virtual Vegas is your launching point to a future of fun and excitement.

TURBO BLACKJACK

Black Jacked with Turbo Charged Attitude

Virtual Vegas' classic Black Jack is back and faster than ever with three of the loveliest and sassiest dealer's in cyberspace. Play your cards right, and cash may not be the only winning. These dealer's are programmed with a sophisticated Artificial Intelligence that adapts to your game playing style as well as your savvy interactions. Includes full Internet access and acceleration to bring your gameplay to a new turbo-charged high.

MOSAIC DIRECT BRINGS YOU THE WORLD WIDE WEB!

You've heard about it, now Virtual Vegas and Mosaic Direct take you there! Get ready to join the 21st century. The award-winning Mosaic Direct combines the most powerful Internet connection to give you access to the limitless realms of the World Wide Web.

Installing Mosaic Direct is a snap. The installer will prompt you for necessary information, and help you configure your modem and ports. Registering Mosaic Direct is easy. Open the Software Registration window, complete the information panel and click on Register. Complete the information in the second window, Internet Access Phonebook, then click on OK. Finally, fill in the Account Billing Information panel with your credit card data.

Now you're ready to visit the virtual vistas of the World Wide Web! We suggest you follow the Quick Tour if you're new to Mosaic Direct. See you in Virtual Vegas!

NET CASINO WITH INTERNET CONNECTIVITY...

Mingle with the Information Elite

Join the Information elite in the most advanced Internet destination on the planet. Virtual Vegas' Internet Casino connects you to a world of interaction and adventure. With real prizes to be won at Slots, Blackjack, and Craps your on-line experiences will never be more rewarding. Join us as we embrace the future of computing on the Internet in Virtual Vegas.

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