

**B L Morrison School
Postville
presents**

“What Really Matters”

Cast:

Heather Edmunds.....	Tori
Jessica Sheppard.....	Sadie
Gregory Jacque.....	Adam
Grant Gear.....	Lucas
Alanna Edmunds.....	Kim
Trevor Lane.....	Shaun

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This is a humorous, yet serious outlook on outside appearances. Planetville’s females are in an uproar. The 2006 Planetville Beauty Pageant date is posted. Emotions run wild as each girl prepares for the pageant. Little do they know that the lives of many females will be dramatically changed because of the pageant. The town discovers that there is more to a person than the outside appearance.

Scene 1

(Curtain opens on split stage. Lights appear on Lucas, Sadie and Kim. All are seated at home, reading about the town's beauty pageant.)

Lucas: All right Sadie! Here's your chance to shine.

Sadie: Yeah, I can't wait! You think that I actually have a chance at this?

Kim: Oh, you will do great, but I don't think I will enter the beauty pageant. I'm not pretty enough for those things, and besides, I don't want to make a fool of myself.

Sadie: Well, all I know is that I am going to this beauty pageant, and that I'm going to win.

Lucas: You said it Sadie. There's no one out there that can beat you.

Kim: Oh you two! Stop gloating! Let's do something productive. Let's do some math.

Sadie & Lucas: Algebra! Our favourite!

(Lights dim, reappear on the side of the stage. Tori and Shaun are discussing the beauty pageant.)

Shaun: Hey Tori, honey, you're going to enter the pageant, right?

Tori: I don't know. I think pageants are stupid. People only see you for your body, not your mind.

Shaun: But you look good.

Tori: I don't care if I look like Arlene O'Keefe. I don't like those beauty pageants.

Shaun: If you don't enter the pageant, then some ugly girl will win. Don't you want to be the prettiest girl in town?

Tori: Yeah, maybe. I don't know Shaun. I probably won't win anyway.

Shaun: I know you will win. Look at you! You look great! You're the most beautiful woman in my world.

Tori: Oh Shaun.

(They hug. Lights dim, reappear on Lucas, Sadie and Kim. They are trying on clothes. Dance music playing.)

Sadie: Don't you just love this dress?

Kim: Yeah, but I don't think it's your colour. I mean, flowers, that is so eighties.

Lucas: Yeah Sadie, that dress is so eighties. However anything would look good on you.

Sadie: What's wrong with the eighties? I was born in 1989! I think flowers are pretty. And that's what I'm going to wear to the pageant. I will impress the older judges.

Kim: It doesn't take much to impress you now, does it?

Lucas: Kim, I think that you're just jealous. What would you wear to the pageant? Lucky you know what a pageant is, let alone appear in one.

Kim: *(To herself and the audience)* I'll show them, I'll really show them. They think that I don't know anything about fashions and pageants. I'm going to win this pageant if it's the last thing I do. Everyone thinks I'm just a nobody, but that pageant will show them who is truly beautiful. Someday I'm going to be famous. I am going to win that pageant. I just know I am.

(Lights dim and reappear on Adam and Shaun)

Shaun: Hey Adam, did you hear about the pageant?

Adam: Yeah, so is Sarah going to enter? I think she is the most beautiful woman in town. She's smart too. She would definitely win the talent parts.

Shaun: Sarah thinks pageants are only for women who lack in intelligence and personality. But I think I have her convinced to enter.

Adam: Good. I want to see her strut her stuff on the catwalk, and then the question period.

Shaun: Hey, you're talking about my woman there!

Adam: Sorry! She's just so beautiful and smart.

Scene 2

(Lights dim and reappear on Adam, Sadie and Lucas)

Sadie: Hey Adam, what do you think of my dress?

Adam: It's OK I guess. Where is your friend Kim?

Lucas: She's probably home on the net or something. Do you think she will enter the pageant?

Adam: Ah, I don't know.

Sadie: What about me, Adam? You think I will win?

(Lights dim, reappear on Kim. She is looking through her mother's closet.)

Kim: I wonder what Sadie is doing now. Probably buying some more flowers and plaid clothes. Oh well, What do you have here? *(Holds up a sleek black dress)* I think this dress would be perfect. I'm going to win this pageant. I've got to. Sadie thinks I'm a nerd. She will know the true me after the pageant. Just three more nights. *(Picks up the phone)* Hello, is this the Terrific Hair and Curls? OK! I want to make an appointment. I want it on Friday at 4:30PM. Yeah, Kate would be fine. Oh, and I want a manicure, pedicure, make-up and my hair done. Yeah, I'm willing to pay. My name, oh sorry, it's Kim, Kim Peterson. Thank you! See you on Friday. OK, good-bye.

(Lights dim, reappear on Tori and Shaun.)

Shaun: So, are you going to enter the pageant or not? You have only three days to get ready.

Tori: Yeah, I've decided that I am going to enter. I think that if I'm as pretty and beautiful as you think I am, I should enter. It will put me in this town's history and Maybe someone will notice me and want me for acting or something. I think it could be my big break away from this place. I just don't know what I'm going to wear. Maybe you can help.

Shaun: Me, nah. I don't know anything about fashion. Why don't you ask your mother or someone? She probably knows what's in style. And, besides, you want to win, don't you?

Tori: *(Laughs to herself)* yeah. What would you know about fashion anyway. *(Turns away from him)* Mom!

Scene 3

(Lights dim, reappear on Tori)

Tori: Dear diary, I never thought I would ever give in to Shaun so easily. I mean me, in a pageant! People say I'm beautiful. Why don't I feel it then? The day Shaun asked me out, I felt like life had just begun. He is my world, my everything. I guess I can do this pageant for him. Maybe he'll like me more if I enter this thing. My mom thinks it's a good idea. She says that she'll be proud of me if I win this. Ever since Dad died, I felt like no one loved me. Maybe this will be my big break. Maybe if I win, people will start to respect me for more than my looks. Just maybe.....

(Lights dim, reappear on Adam and Shaun)

Adam: So, is Tori going to enter the pageant thing or what?

Shaun: Yeah, I think I convinced her to do it. Remember when Tori and I first started dating? That night when I asked her out, it was like a dream. I never thought such a beautiful girl would want to date me. Everything was going perfect for us until her dad tragically died. Before we would talk about anything. Now it's like I don't even exist. I mean, her dad died two years ago. Why hasn't she gotten over it by now? She's beautiful. I don't know why she would wanna be unhappy. I buy her everything and her mother gives her everything she wants. Women, they are just so hard to understand.

Adam: Have you ever tried talking to her about it? Maybe she just wants to feel loved.

Shaun: She's not some lame ugly girl. Why would she have low self-esteem? She's beautiful. She's got no reason to have low self-esteem. I'm always telling her about how good she looks.

Adam: Looks are not everything Shaun. There's more to Tori than her body.

(Lights dim, reappear on Sadie and Lucas)

Sadie: Do you like the colour of this lipstick?

Lucas: I don't know. Try a different colour, like pink.

Sadie: OK, how about this one? *(Wearing an ugly, bright pink lipstick. It's smudged)*

Lucas: You're going to rock this town Friday night. Have you thought about what you are going to do for the talent portion? I think you should sing "Man I feel like a woman" by Shania Twain. That will impress the judges

Sadie: I think I will. That should impress the judges. It has to.

Lucas: Oh Sadie, this could be the start of a wonderful future for you.

(Lights dim, reappear on Kim.)

Kim: Just one more night until I become the most beautiful girl in town. I never thought that I could be pretty before. My mother always told me that it's not your looks that count. It's what's inside. I never believed her. I never thought I could be pretty, that is, until now.....

(Lights dim, reappear on Tori)

Tori: Dear Diary, just one more night until the big pageant. I hope I can impress Shaun and Mom. I hope this will help me see that there's more to me than meets the eye. Maybe the talent portion will make me seem more realistic to them. Beauty is not only found on the outside. I wish people would just understand.

Scene 4

(Lights dim, reappear on Adam and Shaun)

Adam: So, what's Tori going to do for the talent portion of the pageant?

Shaun: I don't know. Maybe her nails or something. I haven't spoken to her in a few days. I thought it would be better to leave her alone.

Adam: You know you are so lame. You think Tori is nothing but a beautiful girl, don't you. She has feelings too, you know. And I bet she's really talented.

Shaun: Look, if Tori was that talented, I'd be the one to know. I told her to enter because it's a beauty pageant, not a talent competition!

Adam: Well, you're not the bright one now are you Shaun? Beauty pageants have a talent portion to them too, you know.

Shaun: Well, I guess we will find out if Tori got an intellectual side to her tomorrow night.

(Lights dim, reappear on Sadie and Lucas. It's a few hours before the pageant.)

Lucas: Well, I guess this is it. You better start getting ready. Is this the purse you are taking?

Sadie: Yeah, it will be perfect. What about these shoes? *(Holds up ugly shoes)* I just had an idea. Instead of doing my own hair, you can do it for me.

Lucas: What an excellent idea! My, where did you get those shoes?

(Lights dim, reappear on Tori, who is dressed in dark clothes and makeup)

Tori: Well, I hope they will like the new me. This will show them that there's more to me than my looks. I wish Daddy was here. He would be really happy for me, standing up for myself. I don't care what Mom or Shaun think. I gotta do this for me. I'll show them how beautiful the inner me is. The outside today is not so pretty, but hopefully now they'll see my personality, the inner me.

(Lights dim, reappear on Sadie and Lucas. Her hair is a major mess.)

Lucas: Oh Sadie, don't you look terrific! You are going to win this pageant for sure!

Sadie: Thanks Lucas, your confidence in me means a lot.

Lucas: I think you're ready. As the words of the great Dr. Laura says.... "Now, go take on the world." Let's do it!

(Lights dim, reappear on Kim)

Kim: Oh my... I never thought I could look this good. I'm beautiful. Me, Kim Peterson... Beautiful...now who's going to win this pageant? Sarah? I don't think so. Now for the talent portion...

(Lights dim, reappear on Shaun and Adam. Sarah walks past them first, then Kim.)

Shaun: Do you know if Tori is here yet?

Adam: No, I never saw her yet. Maybe she's running a little late.

Shaun: Yeah maybe. *(Sarah walks past them)* Whoa... who in the world is that freak? Looks like she just walked out of a horror movie. Halloween is over Sweetie!

(Tori faces Shaun)

Tori: It's me Shaun!

Shaun: What happened to you? Do you know that this is a beauty pageant? Not a Halloween party!

Tori: Yes, in fact I do know. Tonight I'll show you another side of me that you never saw before. My inside, my personality.

Shaun: You're crazy! There's no way I can date you any more. You're too weird!

Adam: I think she's got a point, Shaun, and I respect that....

Tori: Thanks Adam. Good-bye Shaun! *(She leaves and Kim walks by them)*

Shaun: Whoa! Who's that chick? She's hot!! *(Kim walks away)*

Adam: What a night for you Shaun. Your girlfriend is gone and Kim Peterson is looking really beautiful. Maybe this is a dream. Want me to pinch you?

Scene 5

(They exit. Lights begin to flash. Music begins)

Host: The 2006 Planetville Pageant is about to start. Please be seated. Our first contestant is Sadie Bakers.

(Sadie walks in dresses in really ugly clothes and her hair and makeup is really horrible.)

Sadie: My name is Sadie and for the talent portion I will be singing “Man I feel like a woman.” Hit it..... *(begins to sing)*

Host: OK Sadie, that will be fine. OK Sadie, that’s enough. Our next contestant is..... please welcome Kim Peterson to the stage.

((Kim walks in. She is dressed beautifully. She is in a nice little black dress. Her makeup and hair are perfect.)

Kim: My name is Kim Peterson. For the talent portion of this pageant I will be singing. OK, can you start the music please. *(She begins to sing beautifully)*

Host: Kim, that was excellent! Thank you! Our next contestant is Tori Andrews.

(Tori walks in. She is dressed in dark clothes and dark makeup. She looks very serious)

Tori: My name is Tori Andrews. For the talent portion of this pageant I will be talking to you about appearances. The reason I am dressed like this tonight is that I feel everyone sees me for my outward appearances. When Shaun asked me if I was going to do this I said “no” and then I thought about coming here dressed like this and spilling out my heart and soul to you. I bet none of you knew Kim Peterson could look like that and I bet none of you knew that I can play the piano and sing. I bet that none of you know how smart I am and how much I like politics. Those are just a few of my favourite hobbies. I just want you all to know that I am more than just another beautiful face. I have a heart and I have a soul. Please don’t just assume that I am happy because of my appearance. Mother, buying me things doesn’t make me happy. And to you, Shaun, I think that we are finished. I hope that you will treat other girlfriends differently. Women are people too and we have imaginations and dreams. We are more than just beauty on the outside. We have feelings. Thank you.

(The audience stands in appreciation for the speech by Tori.)

Host: Thank you Tori. That was beautiful. *(Lights dim and reappear on the host)*
The winner of the 2006 Planetville pageant is..... Kim Peterson.

(Music begins to play and Kim comes out. She suddenly begins to speak)

Kim: I don't deserve this crown. I think it really belongs to Tori. I just wanted people to know that I was pretty too. My mother always told me that your outward appearance does not count, only what's on the inside that counts. I think that Tori really brought out the point tonight, and that is why I think she deserves this crown. *(Tori joins Kim on stage)*

Tori: I can't accept this crown. I just learned this life lesson this week and you Kim, knew it all your life. Please keep it. You're beautiful on the inside and the outside.....

(The two hug. Lights fade)

