



On the Occasion of BIFF #10

On Saturday, February 13th, Myrtle Beach native Vanna White will receive the Spirit & Pride of South Carolina Award at the 10th Annual Beaufort International Film Festival Awards Ceremony.

The award was conceived as a way to honor a native South Carolinian or current resident whose career in film, television or music has reflected positively on our state. The inaugural award was presented at BIFF 2015 to Gaffney native, actress Andie MacDowell. Festival organizers are thrilled to welcome this year's recipient, the multi-talented TV host, fashion icon, actress, and philanthropist known the world over as "Vanna."

Q) You're being honored with the coveted "Spirit and Pride of South Carolina Award" for

reflecting so well on your home state. But how has your home state reflected on you? After all these years in Hollywood, what still sets you apart as a “Carolina girl”?

A) I believe growing up in a small town has kept me who I am. I grew up with values and I worked hard. I still look forward to going back home several times a year! I remain close friends with all those I grew up with.

Q) Wheel of Fortune’ just turned 40, and you’ve been co-hosting the show for 33 years. When you started out, did you ever imagine turning letters would turn into a long, illustrious career?

A) Yes A) No, I remember sitting in the makeup chair next to Pat Sajak when I first got the job and saying to him, “I wonder where we will be in 10 years?” Well, it’s been 33 years and I still love my job!

Q) You’ve been a fashion icon for decades, thanks to the beautiful clothes you wear on the show. Rumor has it you’ve never worn the same ensemble twice. How has your “look” morphed over the decades, what’s your favorite color to wear on camera . . . and do you get to keep the occasional outfit?

A) Yes A) I have never worn the same dress twice and I’ve worn over 6,000 gowns! Over three decades the styles have changed so I’ve gone along with the changes. Remember the 80’s and the big shoulder pads? I like to wear bright colors. Occasionally I do buy a dress or two from the designer.

Q) Q) You’re known for your love of crocheting and even have your own line of yarn. If I’ve never crocheted in my life, tell me why should I take it up?

A) Yes A) It’s so much fun and so relaxing! I learned from my grandmother when I was five. I taught



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