

& LEGENDS

HEADLINER RITA HORVATH

COMPETITION WINS

Rita's initial interest in competing on the nail competition circuit can be attributed to Vicki Peters the #1 competition director in the USA. After mountains of resourceful advice from Vicki, Nancy Nguyen, Victoria Sozio, Tom Holcomb, Claudine Morgan, Trang Nguyen, Christopher Troung and Michele Baker, Rita is now one of the top competitors in the industry today. Vannie Peng, a multi-competition winner and fellow nail tech from Boca Raton is her best friend who she credits with landing her the current position she enjoys at Hair by Steel Magnolias.

Of the 35 major nail competitions Rita has entered in the last eight years (most of which were in multiple categories), please view a selection of Rita's competition achievements below. I think you'll agree this tech has talent!

March 2004
Chicago Midwest Show
2nd Place Salon Success
4th Place Sculptured Nails

October 2003
Strut Your Stuff Online Picture Contest
www.beautytech.com/contest/strut2003/winners.htm
1st Place Sr. Division Nail Enhancements
1st Place Sr. Division Mixed Media Nail Art

August 2001
The Premiere Show, Orlando, Florida
1st Place Salon Success
3rd Place Backfills

August 1999
The Premiere Show, Orlando, Florida
1st Place Salon Success

July 1998
National Beauty Culturist League Show, Miami, Florida
1st Place Sculptured Nails

June 1998
WINBA Show, Anaheim, California
1st Place US Tip & Overlay Championship

February 1998
Schoenaman Beauty Supply Nail Show, Atlantic City, New Jersey
1st Place Sculptured Nails

September 1997
Barnum Beauty Supply Nail Focus, Cleveland, Ohio
1st Place Mirror Image
1st Place Tips with Wraps

April 1997
Ace Nail Supply, May the Best Hand Win, Atlanta, Georgia
1st Place Best Hand

February 1997
Hair Care Supplies Nail Showcase '97, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
1st Place Natural Look Tip & Overlay
1st Place Sculptured Nails

April 1996
Nails Magazine Show
East Brunswick, New Jersey
1st Place Beginners Tips with Overlay

JUDGING OTHERS

Rita is also a nail judge. "When I am judging at nail competitions the first thing that catches my eye is the overall appearance of the nails," Rita discloses. "I take particular interest in the most common mistakes I see which are made in the filing of the concave convex and the arch placement." When asked what she'd like to see changed in nail competitions, she replies, "I think an international nail standard would be nice and it could be coming soon. Watch this space." An intriguing concept if it comes to fruition!

LIFE'S MISSIONS

Rita's love for competitions and the victory felt at each win has inspired her to want to experience them on every continent in the world. Truly a huge undertaking I hear you say, but I believe that with Rita's determination, it's not a far-fetched aspiration - so look out she may just show up when you least expect it!

AWARDS AND REWARDS

- In 2002 Rita became a national educator for Odyssey Nail Systems. www.odyssey-nail.com
- On the cover of the September 1997 issue of Nailpro magazine USA, Rita's nails are featured.
- Rita has traveled to Asia, Australia, Puerto Rico, Canada, Germany, and all over the USA to teach and compete.

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*Footnote:
Thank you Rita for the most complete interview I've received to date. Writing this month's feature was truly an honour. Gina*

