

Kate Orgill Smith

2011 Queen of Carnival

Her Majesty, Queen Kate Orgill Smith, was truly born into Carnival royalty. The legacy of her family's involvement in Carnival dates to 1937, the seventh year of the organization, when her great-grandfather S. Richard Leatherman, served as King. King Richard set a standard for service to the community and Carnival that has been carried out throughout the Leatherman family tree. Queen Kate's granduncle, Richard Leatherman, Jr., vividly remembers serving as a Royal Page to his father in 1937. King Richard Leatherman's cousin, Mary Abbay Joyner, served as Queen of Carnival in 1953. Queen Kate's grandmother, Irene Leatherman Orgill, held the crown as the twenty-fourth Queen of Carnival in 1958. One of the branches of the Leatherman royal family tree includes Queen Kate's cousin, 1973 Carnival Queen Mary Leatherman Carr, who is married to 1994 King Oscar "Bo" Carr, III. Their daughter Camilla Fisher Carr continued the family tradition as Queen in 2000. Another cousin, Abbay Leatherman Brownlow served Carnival as Queen in 2004. 2002 President Bobby Leatherman is also Queen Kate's second cousin. With a royal pedigree beyond compare, it is no accident that Queen Kate was selected to represent Carnival Memphis during our 80th Anniversary celebration.

Our 80th Anniversary Carnival Queen has done a fantastic job of continuing her family's Carnival tradition. In 2008, Queen Kate participated in the Royal Court as the Chairman's Princess to Patrick Demere. Her brother Freddy was a Carnival Royal Page in 2004. Queen Kate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sidney Smith, Jr. Her mother Irene was a Special Princess in the Royal Court. Her family has also been very involved in the Grand Krewe of Osiris. She has two aunts, Anne and Adele Orgill, who served as Queens of Osiris. In 2009, Kate served as Queen Isis LXIX of the Grand Krewe of Osiris during the organization's 75th Anniversary celebration and her cousin Eliza Wellford was Queen of Osiris in 2008.

The Queen has just graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art History. During her time at UVA, Queen Kate participated in the university's study abroad program. She spent the summer of 2009 in Lyon, France, at the Universite Lumiere II, where her studies



The Smith Family - Freddy, Irene, Fred and Queen Kate

focused on French language and culture. Queen Kate was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and was very involved in the sorority's community activities. As a UGuide at UVA, she gave admissions and historical tours of the university. She attended a Summer Leadership Seminar at The United States Military Academy at West Point in the summer of 2006.

Queen Kate has also spent much of her time giving back to the community, particularly through work with at-risk children. She tutored underprivileged children in Charlottesville, Virginia through Abundant Life Ministries. Kate has also volunteered at the Neighborhood School. Our Queen is a graduate of St. Mary's Episcopal School where she was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, Junior Cotillion Social Club and Sigma Kappa Sigma Sorority. She was an Honor Council Representative for three years, and served as President her Senior year.

The Queen said, "I am honored and delighted to serve as the Queen of Carnival Memphis during the 80th Anniversary. I come from a family with deep roots in Carnival. My great grandfather served as King in 1937 and my grandmother served as Queen in 1958. I love raising money for our three children's charities that help so many people in Memphis. This year's charities are Hope House, Memphis Athletic Ministries and SRVS and as a lifelong Memphian I am excited about promoting our city. Carnival Memphis really is a *Party with a Purpose.*"