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Ambush Moves Into 28th Year in the Gulf South

Moving into its 28th year, **Ambush Mag** continues to serve the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community throughout the Gulf South in 2010. Beginning in 1982 in Baton Rouge, the publication moved to New Orleans in 1985 setting up shop on World famous Bourbon Street. It has been an exciting opportunity to watch the communities it serves grow and prosper over the past 27 years.

Even though 2009 has seen the closure of many GLBT publications across the country, and those in the straight communities as well, **Ambush** has been extremely lucky in the support it receives from its community. It is the oldest surviving regional GLBT publication in the Gulf South featuring coverage in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Metairie, New Orleans and Slidell Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; and Pensacola, Florida.

Perhaps part of the reason for its success was the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Yes, the devastating storm had a positive effect on this publication. Since the storm, there are only two people in the office, versus four. **Ambush** has cut as many expenses as it can to insure that it is on a solid financial footing. Even though this means much more work for the two of us, it is worth it to see our venture succeed. So because of Katrina, we were already practicing financial restraint when tough economic times hit many publications in the last year or two across the nation.

Ambush owes an eternal debt of gratitude to all of its advertisers, both large and small, its entire staff of writers and photographers, and of course, its loyal readership, both in print and online. Without all of you, **Ambush** would be unable to help in supporting the community, its organizations, and its deserving charities. Happy New Year to all!

27th Mardi Gras Classic Jan. 16 & 17

Mardi Gras Classic XXVII Volleyball Tournament is set for January 16 and 17. The Classic is a NAGVA (North American Gay Volleyball Association) sanctioned tournament. Under the theme of **True Blood**, Volleyball New Orleans wants you to "Come and sink your **FANGS** into what our city has to offer."

Tournament play will take place at Tulane University's Reilly Student Recreation Center, New Orleans Riverside Hilton Athletic Club, and University of New Orleans Human Performance Center. For information on the tournament and all events visit **VolleyballNewOrleans.COM**.

Established in the early 1980s, Volleyball New Orleans strives to promote and develop the sport of volleyball, to foster and conduct local, national and international amateur competition, to promote sportsmanlike conduct, and to foster positive social activities in the gay/lesbian/

bisexual/transgender community.

Apollo Baton Rouge Bringing National Celebrity Elvira to Emcee Bal Masque XXIX, *Tales from the Dark*

Baton Rouge: The Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge will stage its annual Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, January 16 at the Baton Rouge River Center Arena with this year's theme being **Tales from the Dark**.



Cassandra Peterson as Elvira, Mistress of the Dark has

The title of Apollo's 29th ball is **Apollo's Horror**. Elaborate costumes depicting horror movies, tales and characters will be led by Ball Captains Corey Tullier and John Deshotel. The Ball Captains will present the krewe's returning royalty and conclude with the presentation of the new incoming royalty. Krewe members have spent many month's preparing building ornate costumes and backpieces with rhinestones, sequins and feathers.

This spooktacular event will be emceed by Halloween icon and quintessential symbol of all things spooky. Elvira, Mistress of the Dark. As synonymous with Halloween as Santa Claus is with Christmas, Elvira, Mistress of the Dark has carved out a niche in popular American culture that is sure to endure for decades to come. Elvira was created and is portrayed by actress-writer Cassandra Peterson.

In their continuing effort to increase AIDS/HIV awareness in the community, each ball guest will be given a flashing red AIDS ribbon. Guests will be asked for donations to Apollo's AIDS/Crisis Fund in

a final fund raising activity for the year.

Tickets for the ball are \$50 per person and only available online at **ApolloBatonRouge.COM**. A special "Meet & Greet" with Elvira is being held an hour before the ball begins. Tickets for the "Meet & Greet" are also available on the Apollo website.

Since 1989, the Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge and its members have been actively serving the Greater Baton Rouge area through its AIDS/Crisis Fund. Culminating each year with its grand charity event, a bal masque presented for the past twenty-eight years during Mardi Gras season. Krewe members gather throughout the year to raise funds and awareness to support HIV/AIDS education and assistance. Through its AIDS/Crisis Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit and 509(a)(2) public charity established in 1994, Apollo provides emergency financial assistance to individuals affected by HIV/AIDS who are

unable to meet basic obligations for the necessities of life, such as medications, medical treatment, housing assistance and transportation.

Jason & deMarco Will Entertain at 49th Petronius Bal Masque

Jason and deMarco of Showtimes **We're all Angels** will entertain at the 49th annual Krewe of Petronius Bal Masque entitled **The Out of Frame and off the Wall Ball**. The Ball will be held Sunday, January 24 at 7pm at the Laborers Union Hall. Limited tickets are available at **KreweOfPetronius.ORG**.

Jason & deMarco are independent artists and songwriters who have spent the last seven years touring the U.S. and abroad performing over 100 concerts per year. Their music focuses on every day challenges, relationships, and the kind of struggles that we all identify with; yet they have the courage to write from a personal place, unapologetic and proud of whom they are, without compromising their principals. Jason & deMarco and their band have created their own signature sound combining their haunting melo-

dies and breathtaking harmonies with strummy guitar acoustic pop/folk arrangements of covers as well as their original hit songs. Together, Jason & deMarco's vocal harmonies are mesmerizing, unified by transcendent and uplifting lyrics making their appeal multi-generational, touching most everyone who hears them.

Their autobiographical and controversial, documentary-film, **We're All Angels**, from director Robert Nunez, currently airing on the SHOWTIME NETWORK and coming to MTV's LOGO Television in April 2010, is now available on DVD at major retailers, and invites fans to take a behind-the-scenes look at the public and private lives of these rising pop stars, who are gay, spiritual, and in love. The film chronicles the lives of the two singers as they perform all over the country in dance

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