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GAA Voting Ballot On-Line June 5-12; *Ambush* Readers Will Choose Their Favorites; Marcy Marcell to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

he Gay Appreciation Awards Public Voting Ballot appears only on-line this year at AmbushMag.COM/GAA in an effort to get the most accurate results. Only one ballot will be accepted from each person. The Gulf South readership of this publication will choose their favorites. Voting runs Tues., June 5 through Tues., June 13.



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In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the awards, the Board of Directors has chosen Marcy Marcell, the founder of the Gay Appreciation Awards, to receive the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award. Marcell is legendary in the Crescent City and has donated countless performance hours to the many charitable events hosted in the GLBT Community.



Marcy Marcell (photo: Larry Graham)

The awards thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender community who are many times not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. These individuals and businesses have made the GLBT community into the viable, successful and powerful community it is today across the Gulf

The top 5 finalists in each category will appear in *Ambush* Issue 13 due out on June 19. GAA Board members are not eligible. The award category winners, those receiving the most public votes, will be announced at the 20th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala at Marigny Theatre, 1030 Marigny St., New Orleans, Sun., July 8. Beginning at 7pm sharp, doors will open at 6pm. All proceeds from the event will benefit the William Fanning Foundation better known as Buzzy's Boys & Girls.

Public award voting categories include: Circuit Party/Event of the Year, Hair Salon of the Year, Gay Carnival Ball of the Year, Neighborhood Bar of the Year, Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award, Bitch of the Year, Show Bar of the Year, Performing Arts Award, Restaurant/Deli of the Year, Dance Bar of the Year, Bartender of the Year, DJ of the Year, Leather Bar of the Year, GLBT Business of the Year, Leather Person of the Year, Transgender of the Year, Lesbian of the Year, Gay Man of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year.

In addition to the various public voting awards, the Board will present the Cheridon Comedy Award in memory of the late Sonny C. Cleveland, and the Fly Fashion Awards in memory of Ms. Fly including the Fashion Glamour and the Fashion Victim. The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence (the Drag Ambassador Award) will be presented by Rip & Marsha Naquin-



Delain.

The Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Rip & Marsha Naguin-Delain and Toni J.P. Pizanie.

**Ambush** is proud to sponsor the Gay Appreciation Awards each year. For more info, visit **AmbushMag.COM/GAA**.

### Mikel Gerle Named International Mr. Leather

hicago -Mikel Gerle, Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2007, has been named International Mr. Leather 2007, winning over a field of 52 contestants from five countries, including Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy and the United States. He is sponsored by the Los Angeles Leather Coalition and Oil Can Harry's. Residing in West Hollywood, California, Mikel works as a Management Specialist with the city. His community involvement includes annual fundraisers for a variety of organizations including AID for AIDS, Van Ness Recovery House, West Hollywood Recovery Center and Hot n Dry. He is also dedicated to raising awareness in the West Hollywood community about the dangers of crystal meth, as well as other issues that affect the GLBT community there. Other affiliations include the Los Angeles Leather Coalition, Southern California Gay Sports Bikers, LA Frontrunners and the AIDS LifeCyle Ride.

The 29th annual International Mr. Leather Contest was held Sun., May 27 – its second consecutive year at the legendary Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

As the International Mr. Leather 2007 titleholder, Mikel Gerle will represent IML and the leather community over the next year. He also receives a prize package consisting of donations from businesses and organizations supporting the leather community.

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# 4th of July, Pride NOLA, GAA Top 5 Out: Tues., June 19 INSIGE DEADLINE: Tues., June 12

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