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the "official" dish

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Welcome to Pride 2015

Ambush Magazine is once again proud to serve as your Official Pride Guide since 1982, bringing you the whole gay weekend and more. New Orleans Pride runs June 19-21, and the LGBT+ community has pulled out all the stops to make this a "weekend to remember." From dance parties, to the festival, parade and a host of events, you are sure to find the right spot for you this holiday. Catch the "fever" as you flip through these pages or online at www.AmbushMag.com!

The Public Has Voted & The Top 5 Finalist Are... 28th Gay Appreciation Awards

The votes are in and the public has decided on the Top 5 Finalists in the 28th annual Gay Appreciation Awards, and one of those finalist is already the winner in each category. Public online voting ran from June 2-8.

The 28th GAA Gala is set for Saturday, July 18, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. The 2015 winners are announced at this event. VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and are very limited. All proceeds benefit Southern Decadence 2015. Contact Rip Naquin for table reservations at ripna@ambushmag.com or 504.522.8049. Door admission is \$10.

Top 5 Finalists include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year: 16th Gay Easter Parade, Friday Night Before Mardi Gras Extravaganza 15, Halloween 31, 16th Purple Party, Southern Decadence 43

Hair Salon of the Year: Fee & Art's Revival Studio, Head Quarters, Mickey Nolan's, Salon Versailles, Two Guy **Cutting Hair**

Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Lords of Leather, Krewe of Narcissus, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon

Neighborhood Bar of the Year: Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, The Golden Lantern, Good Friends, GrandPre's

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award: Darren Ferris, Big Easy Sisters, Toby Lefort, NO/AIDS Task Force, Adikus Sulpizi

Bitch of the Year: Aubrey Synclaire, Opal Masters, Chi-Chi Rodriquez, Persana Shoulders, Princess Stephaney

Show Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, The Golden Lantern, Oz New Orleans

Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award: Gone With The Breaking Wind, La

Familia, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Running with Scissors, The Southern Barbitchuates

Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year: Chef Ron's Gumbo Stop, Clover Grill, Eat, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Verti Mart

Dance Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, The Golden Lantern, Oz New Or-

Bartender of the Year: Ashlee Logan/Corner Pocket, Jake Morris/ Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Wayne Penton/Bourbon Pub & Parade, Chi-Chi Rodriguez/Oz

DJ of the Year: Deanne Cooley/ Four Seasons, Dominick "Dom" Kolb/ Corner Pocket, Four Seasons Kyle David/Oz, Tim Pflueger/Oz, Jonathan "JRB" Reed/Oz

Leather Bar of the Year: Double Play, GrandPre's, Mag's 940, Phoenix, Rawhide

Cheridon Comedy Award: Reba Douglas, Gia GiaVanni, Persana Shoulders, Princesse Stephaney, Tittie Toulouse

Fly Fashion Glamour Award: Do-

minique DeLorean, Connie Hung, Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Karli LaCorre, Aubrey Synclaire

LGBT Business of the Year: Bourbon Pride, Crescent City Tour Booking Agency, Delaney & Robb Attorneys at Law, Rab Dab Clothing & Gifts, Scully'z Recordz

Leather Person of the Year: Jason Ashford, Matthew Birkhoff, Troy Powell, Adikus Sulpizi, Gary Vandeventer

Transgender of the Year: Regina Adams, Adrian Claveria, Joann Guidos, Rikki Redd, Chi-Chi Rodriquez

Lesbian of the Year: Misti Ates, Catherine Gaither, Mina Hernandez, Nikki Max, Carla Torlucci Rogers

Gay Man of the Year: Andy Bergeron, Bradley Latham, Tony Leggio, Derek Penton-Robichaeux, Stephen Valiente

Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year: Reba Douglas, Gia GiaVanni, Karli LaCorre, Aubrey Synclaire, Monica Synclaire-Kennedy

In addition, the Board of Directors presents the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain.

Sponsored by Ambush Mag, the awards thanks those in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community who are often not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. These individuals and businesses have made the LGBT Community into the viable, successful and powerful community it is today. (www.AmbushMag.com/GAA)

LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana to Hold **Annual Membership Meeting June 19**

The LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana will hold its annual membership meeting on Friday, June 19, at 7pm at Café Istanbul in the Healing Center (2372 St. Claude Ave.).

The keynote speaker will be Professor Alecia Long, who will speak on the topic "Saving the City from Sex Deviates: Preservationists, Homosexuals, and Reformers in the French Quarter 1950 - 1962."

The event will also offer an update on the Archive Project's incredibly successful first year—and provide a glimpse into what's in store for the year to come. Officer elections will also be held.

The event is free and open to the public.

Rocco Steele to emcee Lords' "Who's Your **Daddy?**" Contest

Come see Rocco Steele, one of gay porn's "biggest" stars as he visits New Orleans to host the annual Lords of Leather "Who's Your Daddy?" contest on Father's Day weekend, Fri-

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day, Saturday and Sunday, June 19, 20 and 21 at the Phoenix. Rocco was recently named "Mr. International Escort" of the "Hookies" awards, the annual "Oscars of Escorting" contest in New York City and will have you saying "Oh......Daddy!" after meeting him. Rocco is the archetypal daddy. Gravel-voiced and naturally dominant, he's covered in tattoos and traffics in bareback porn.

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