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Gay Appreciation Awards Top 5 Finalists Hail from Baton Rouge, Ft. Lauderdale, Lafayette, New Orleans & Orlando; Savanna DeLorean to Guest Emcee GAA Gala

The Gulf South readership of **Ambush Mag** chose their favorites in the 21st annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) in public on-line voting June 3-9. This year Top 5 Finalists hail from Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and New Orleans, Louisiana; and Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando, Florida.

New Orleans celebrity Savanna DeLorean will guest emcee the 21st GAA Gala at Marigny Theatre, 1030 Marigny St., New Orleans, Saturday, July 19. GAA Founder Marcy Marcell and last year's Entertainer of the Year, Princesse Stephaney, are slated to perform. Additionally, all GAA Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists are invited to do a production number for the event.

The award category winners, those receiving the most public votes June 3-9 (already one of the Top 5 Finalist), will be announced at the gala. Beginning at 8pm sharp, doors will open at 7pm. All proceeds from the event benefit the William Fanning Foundation, better known as Buzzy's Boys & Girls.

The Top 5 Finalist in the public award voting categories include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year-Big Gay Musical 2/Baton Rouge, Gay Days/Orlando, Gay Easter Parade/New Orleans, Halloween/New Orleans, Southern Decadence/New Orleans;

Hair Salon of the Year-Avallon/Baton Rouge, Bobby Blue/New Orleans, Head Quarters/New Orleans, Mickey Nolan/New Orleans, Salon D'Malta/New Orleans;

Gay Carnival Ball of the Year-Krewe of Amon Ra/New Orleans, Krewe of Apollo/Baton Rouge, Krewe of Armeinius/New Orleans, Lords of Leather/New Orleans, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon/New Orleans;

Neighborhood Bar of the Year-Cafe Lafitte in Exile/New Orleans, Cowpokes/New Orleans, Friendly Bar/New Orleans, George's Place/Baton Rouge, Golden Lantern/New Orleans;

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award-Gay Easter Parade/New Orleans, Greg T. Bell AIDS Foundation/Baton Rouge, Michael "Fish" Hickerson/New Orleans, Toby Lefort/New Orleans, NO/AIDS Task Force/New Orleans;

Bitch of the Year-Mia Bonet/Baton Rouge, Electra City/New Orleans, Gia/Baton Rouge, Rusty Laroux/New Orleans, Brittney O'Bryan/New Orleans;

Show Bar of the Year-Cowpokes/New Orleans, Oz/New Orleans, Parade/New Orleans, Splash/Baton Rouge, Starlight By The Park/New Orleans;

Performing Arts Award-Glitz/New Orleans, La Femme Rouge/Baton Rouge, *Naked Boys Singing*/New Or-



Savanna DeLorean, GAA Gala Guest MC
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leans, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, To Do Productions-Marigny Theatre/New Orleans;

Restaurant/Deli of the Year-Clover Grill/New Orleans, Mestizo's/Baton Rouge, Mona Lisa/New Orleans, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli/New Orleans, Tomatillo's/New Orleans;

Dance Bar of the Year-Cowpokes/New Orleans, Oz/New Orleans, Parade/New Orleans, Sound Factory/Lafayette, Splash/Baton Rouge;

Bartender of the Year-Aletha Bryant/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Stephen Murrell/Cowpokes, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Lance Pippin/Golden Lantern, Lance Young/Splash;

DJ of the Year-Karen Baker/Splash, Johnny Love/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Tim Flueger/Oz, Myke/Cafe Lafitte in Exile,

Richie Rich/Cowpokes,

Leather Bar of the Year-Cowpokes/New Orleans, JohnPaul's/New Orleans, Phoenix/New Orleans, Ramrod/Ft. Lauderdale, Rawhide 2010/New Orleans;

GLBT Business of the Year-Alternatives, Hit Parade, Queen Fashions, Rab Dab, Wood Enterprises/all New Orleans;

Leather Person of the Year-Mina Hernandez/New Orleans, George Hester/New Orleans, Denny Summers/New Orleans, Solitaire/Baton Rouge, Gary Vandeventer/New Orleans;

Transgender of the Year-Regina Adams/New Orleans, Mia Bonet/Baton Rouge, Dee Cooley/New Orleans, Jasmine SX/Baton Rouge, Marcy Marcell/New Orleans;

Lesbian of the Year-Karen Baker/Baton Rouge, Marty Curtin/New Orleans, Chansley Dykes/Baton Rouge, Mae Falgout/New Orleans, Mina Hernandez/New Orleans;

Gay Man of the Year-Richard Dykes/Baton Rouge, Robert Gibson/New Orleans, Ken Grandpre/New Orleans, Toby Lefort/New Orleans, Cory Wise/Baton Rouge; and

Entertainer of the Year-Elizabeth Bouvier/New Orleans, Electra City/New Orleans, Coca/New Orleans, Nicole Foxx/Baton Rouge, Donnie Jay/New Orleans.

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

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 South.

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The New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus (NOGMC) has commissioned a new musical revue celebrating the music of South Louisiana and the spirit of New Orleans, called **HOME**. At a time when so many of us are asking questions of what "home" truly is, NOGMC asked its own members and they answered: Our families, our friends, our loves and our communities define our concept of "home." Deciding to celebrate the comfort and strength of home, NOGMC commissioned **HOME**, music that speaks and sings of these relationships in our lives and how New Orleans uniquely moulds our vision of them.

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