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### GAA Gala July 8 Benefits Buzzy's Boys & Girls

The 20th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala is set for Sunday, July 8 from 7-10pm in the Marigny Theatre, 1030 Marigny St. in New Orleans. The winners in each category, voted on by the Gulf South readership of **Ambush Mag**, will be announced at the gala which benefits the William Fanning Foundation, aka Buzzy's Boys & Girls.

There are some VIP Tables of four for \$100 still left. Please contact Rip Naquin-Delain for table reservations at 504.522.8047 or info@ambushmag.com.

The Board of Directors of the GAA are proud to present the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award to the legendary Marcy Marcell, founder of the Gay Appreciation Awards.



Marcy Marcell  
(photo: Larry Graham)

The Top 5 Finalists voted on-line for by **Ambush** readers include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year - Hal-loween/New Orleans, Gay Easter Parade/ New Orleans, One Mighty Weekend/Orlando, Red Party/New Orleans, Southern Decadence/New Orleans;

Hair Salon of the Year - Bobby Blue, Cleary California Concept, Hair Asylum, Mickey Nolan Salon, Salon d'Malta;

Gay Carnival (Mardi Gras) Ball of the Year - Krewe of Amon Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Mwindo, Lords of Leather, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon;

Neighborhood Bar of the Year - Cowpokes, Cutter's, Friendly Bar, Golden Lantern, Starlight By The Park;

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award - Austin Baptist Women/Austin, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, New Orleans Bear & Bear Trapper Social Club, NO/AIDS Task Force;

Bitch of the Year - Rusty LaRoux, Tony Leggio, Madam Adam, Princesse Stephaney, Kabrina Watson;

Show Bar of the Year - Big Daddy's, Bourbon Pub/Parade, Cowpokes, Oz, Starlight By The Park;

Performing Arts Award - Austin Baptist Women/Austin, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, NORD, Running with Scissors, To Do Productions' *Take Me Out*;

Restaurant/Deli of the Year - Clover Grill, Elizabeth's, Mona Lisa, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Verti Mart;

Dance Bar of the Year - Bourbon Pub/Parade, Cowpokes, Oilcan Harry's/Austin, Oz, Splash/Baton Rouge;

Bartender of the Year - Ron Caeseair/ Bourbon Pub, Eric Evans/Rawhide, Allen Jones/Oz, Lance Pippin, Stephen Murrell/ Cowpokes;

DJ of the Year - Buddy/Cowpokes, Johnny Love/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Mary Pappas/Oz, Tim Pflueger/Oz, Richie Rich/ Cowpokes;

Leather Bar of the Year - Chain Drive/ Austin, Cowpokes, Phoenix, Rawhide 2010, Ripcord/Houston;

GLBT Business of the Year - Alternatives, Queen Fashions, Troy Jowers Realtor, Marigny Manor House, Tapelenders/ Austin;

Leather Person of the Year - Rich Daigle, Jimmy Johnson, CW Stambaugh, Danny Starnes, Mark Steinbauer;

Transgender of the Year - Regina Adams, Vivica Devereaux, Rusty LaRoux, Marcy Marcell, Opal Vanderhurst;

Lesbian of the Year - Marty Curtin, Koo Gaffney, Mina Hernandez, Mary Pappas, Keri Watson;

Gay Man of the Year - Nathan Brooks, Glenn Fonte, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, Lance Pippin;

Entertainer of the Year - Austin Baptist Women/Austin, Lauren Brown, Elizabeth,

Opal Masters, Princesse Stephaney.

All Show Bar of the Year Finalists are invited to perform a production number. The GAA Board of Directors is excited to have GAA Founder and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Marcy Marcell and 2006 Entertainer of the Year Donnie Jay as special guest stars for the 2007 GAA Gala.

The Board of Directors chose the Top 5 Finalists for the Cheridon Comedy Award in memory of Sonny Cheridon Cleveland - Rona Conners, Blanche Debris, Jaded Jade, Princesse Stephaney, Tittie Toulouse;

Fly Fashion Glamour Award in memory of Miss Fly - Jessica Daniels, Mercedes Ellis Loreal, Opal Masters, Rikki Redd, Ava Synclair; and

Fly Fashion Victim Award in memory of Miss Fly - Ursuline Burgundy, Electra City, Miss Trailer Park Erica Frost, Miss Mascara Joey, Kabrina Watson.

The winners of those three awards will also be announced at the Gala along with the recipient of the Marsha Delain Award of Excellence presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

The Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Toni Pizanie and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain. **Ambush Mag** is proud to sponsor the awards each year. For additional information visit **AmbushMag.COM/GAA**.

### Coca-Cola Presents 2007 Essence Fest Celebrating Black Music & Culture

The 13th Annual Essence Music Festival presented by Coca-Cola will celebrate its homecoming to New Orleans this July 5, 6 and 7 with the biggest names in entertainment and the nation's most dynamic speakers, authors and leaders.

Mainstage performances for the 2007 Essence Music Festival presented by Coca-Cola include Beyonce; Mary J. Blige; Chris Brown; Ciara; Steve Harvey; Isley Brothers featuring Ronald Isley; Ludacris; Maze featuring Frankie Beverly; Ne-Yo; The O'Jays with Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill; Lionel Richie; Kelly Rowland; Robin Thicke; Plus an opening night gospel performance by McDonald's Inspiration Celebration artists Smokie Norful and Vanessa Bell-Armstrong.

Running concurrently with the mainstage performances in the Superlounges: Anthony David; Angie Stone; Chuck D and Public Enemy; Common; Elizabeth Withers; Jermaine Paul; Kenny Lattimore and Chante Moore; Kindred; Lyfe Jennings; MC Lyte; Mint Condition; Najee; Nuttin but Stringz; Pieces of a Dream; Rachelle Ferrell; Rahsaan Patterson; Rebirth Brass Band; Roy Anthony & Legit with Cupid; Ruben Studdard; Slum Village; and Sunshine Anderson.

"From the amazing talent roster we have planned for the concerts at the Louisiana Superdome to the phenomenal lineup of renowned speakers at the Empowerment Seminars, this special homecoming celebration is gearing up to be the greatest Essence Music Festival ever," says Michelle Ebanks, president, Essence Communications Inc. "Festival-goers will not only be entertained and enlightened, but will be making a difference in the New Orleans community as a portion of all concert ticket proceeds will benefit the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools of New Orleans."

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The Ernest N. Morial Convention Center is the official daytime destination for inspiration and motivation at the ESSENCE Cares! Empowerment Seminar Series. Hosted by ESSENCE's Susan L. Taylor, speakers, authors, and national leaders will convene to share dialogue around the theme, "Claiming our City...Claiming Ourselves."

In addition to the free and open-to-the-public Essence Empowerment Seminars, the Festival's daytime offerings also include the Essence Marketplace, a showcase of quality fine arts & crafts by African-American vendors from all over the world.

The Marketplace will also include interactive sponsor presentations, celebrity meet-and-greets, Festival souvenirs and a book fair with author book signings. Additionally, the 2007 Essence Music Festival presented by Coca-Cola sponsors a day-long Youth Outreach Program, which hosts local children for games,

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