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Mary L. Lathouwers Chosen to Receive 21st Lifetime Achievement Award; GAA Board Announces Top 5 Finalist in 3 Categories

Mary L. Lathouwers has been chosen unanimously by the Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Board of Directors to receive the 21st Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed each year at the GAA Gala. Mary is a detective at the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) 8th District working on property crimes including burglary and fraud. She is also the liaison from NOPD to the GLBT community and has worked extensively in ensuring the safety of the community at events including the annual Southern Decadence celebration Labor Day Weekend. Working for thirteen years in law enforcement, Mary has been with NOPD for the past ten years.

Mary and her partner of 19 years, Darlene Gaudin, will fly to San Francisco and legally marry on July 7. California allows same sex couples to celebrate their new found freedom to marry without discrimination under the law as of June 17, 2008.

The GAA Board of Directors also announced the Top 5 Finalist in the following categories:

Cheridon Comedy Award in honor of the late Sonny C. Cleveland: Big Mama, Lauren Brown, Eva Las Vegas, Princesse Stephaney, Amanda Straddle;

Fly Fashion Glamour Award in memory of Ms. Fly: Christina Cayne, Raquel Chevallier, Chelsea Delorean Divine, Raven Kennedy, Opal Masters;

Fly Fashion Victim Award in memory of Ms. Fly: Auntie Charlotte, Hyacinth Bucket, Blanche Debris, Pat McCardle, Katrina Storm.

The winners will be announced at the GAA Gala. The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence (the Drag Ambassador Award) will be presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

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;



Mary L. Lathouwers
21st Lifetime Achievement Award
Honoree

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 Orleans, 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 Pflueger/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.

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.

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

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Avallon/Baton Rouge, Bobby Blue/New Orleans,
Head Quarters/New Orleans, Mickey Nolan/New Orleans,
Salon D'Malta/New Orleans

Gay Carnival (Mardi Gras) 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

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Friendly Bar/New Orleans, George's Place/Baton Rouge,
Golden Lantern/New Orleans

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award

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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

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