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Don Evans Slated to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award; Lisa Beaumann & Teryl-Lynn Foxx to Emcee GAA Gala; GAA Top 5 Fly Fashion Glamour & Cheridon Comedy Award Finalists Chosen

n a unanimous vote by the Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Board of Directors, AIDS activist Don Evans was selected as the recipient of the prestigious **22nd GAA Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award as well as all of the 2009 GAA Awards will be presented at the 22nd annual GAA Gala on Saturday, July 11, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. Admission begins at 7pm and is \$10 at the door. All VIP tables are sold out. Board Members Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx will emcee the event.

Special guest entertainers include GAA Founder Marcy Marcell, and last years entertainer of the year, Elizabeth Bouvier from New Orleans and Nicole Foxx from Baton Rouge. All Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists have been invited to do a production number. All stage performance tips, VIP Table sales and door admissions benefit the William Fanning Foundation (Buzzy's Boys & Girls). Since 1997, the GAA Gala has raised a total of \$32,626 for charity.

The GAA Board also chose the Top 5 Finalists in two award categories. The first award, in memory of the late Ms. Fly of Corner Pocket fame, the Fly Fashion Glamour Award Finalists include Nicole Dubois, Christina Cayne, Dominique DeLorean, Opal Vanderhurst, and Sadie Shepard. The second award in memory of the late Sonny C. Cleveland, a long time Ambush editor, the Cheridon Comedy Award Finalists include Barry Bareass, Rikki Gee, Gia/Baton Rouge, Varla Jean Merman, and Ama Rosa. Winners in both of these categories will be announced at the Gala as well as the Marsha Delain Award of Excellence, the Drag Ambassador Award chosen by Marsha Naguin-Delain. Additionally, all of the category winners of the GAAAwards chosen by the Gulf South readership of Ambush in public online voting in early June, will be announced.

Lifetime Achievement Award honoree Don Evans is a certified HIV prevention counselor having been involved in the HIV/ AIDS arena for thirteen years. He is currently employed with a not-for-profit agency Natural Resources for Preparing Educating and Changing Environments (N'R PEACE, Inc.), where he serves as the Special Projects Coordinator.

Mr. Evans started his HIV career at Pediatric AIDS Program (PAP) Children's Hospital, although no longer employed for the past eleven years he has continued to provide a service of smiles to the clients by participating as Santa Claus every Christmas Holiday Season.

He has served as the manager for Bridge House Drop-In Center for homeless youth by providing countless services including, but not limited to HIV/AIDS education, counseling and testing, food and shelter. From there Mr. Evans went on to continue his services in the HIV/AIDS arena by working as Program Manager for Brotherhood, Inc. As the program manager he implemented a program for Men having Sex with Men (MSM) to reduce their risk for HIV transmission.



22nd GAA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Don Evans

Mr. Evans has served as the chair person of the Tulane clinical trials outreach department. He is certified by the State of Louisiana as a trainer of trainers (TOT) for HIV Counseling and Testing, TOT for Street Outreach, TOT for the Louisiana Department of Social Services, and the American Red Cross HIV/AIDS Education Department.

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients include Jimmie Callaway, the late Dan Fountain [Betty Buttons], the late Andy Boudreaux, the late Buzzy Fanning, the late Dirty Dottie, the late Miss Fury, Rip & Marsha Naquin-Delain, the late Dan Romero, the late Miss Do, the late Louise McFarland, Miss Dixie Fasnacht, Alice Brady & John Dodt, Gene Adams, the late Charlene Schneider, the late Steve Mettner, Marty Curtin & Koo Gaffney, the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James, Kitty Blackwell, Michael "Fish" Hickerson, Marcy Marcell and Mary L. Lathouwers.

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. On-line voting finalists include: **Circuit Party/Event of the Year:** Gay Easter Parade, Halloween, One Mighty Weekend/Orlando, Red Party/Lafitte's, Southern Decadence;

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Bobby Blue, Headquarters, Mickey Nolan Salon, Salon D'Malta;

Gay Carnival Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Petronius, Lords of Leather, Mystic Krewe of Satvricon:

Neighborhood Bar of the Year: 700 Club, Cafe Lafitte in Exile, The Friendly Bar, JohnPaul's, Tubby's Golden Lantern;

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award: HAART (HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two)/Baton Rouge, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, NO/AIDS Task Force, Michael "Fish" Hickerson;

Bitch of the Year: Aletha Bryant, Paul Chiriaco, Ken Grandpre, Brittney O'Bryan, Princesse Stephaney;

Show Bar of the Year: Big Daddy's, George's Place/Baton Rouge, JohnPaul's, Oz, Parade;

Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award (named by the GAA Board of Directors in honor of the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James this year): *Glitz*, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Running With Scissors, *The Glass Menagerie*, The Roughnecks/ Baton Rouge;

Restaurant/Deli of the Year: Bywater Restaurant-Deli-BBQ, Clover Grill, La Peniche, Mona Lisa, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli;

Dance Bar of the Year: JohnPaul's, Oz, Parade, Rubyfruit Jungle, Splash/Baton Rouge;

Bartender of the Year: Eric Evans/ Rawhide 2010, Paul Harris/700 Club, Joe Macedonia, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Lance Pippin/Tubby's Golden Lantern,

DJ of the Year: DJ Myke/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Johnny Love/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Mary Pappas/Rubyfruit Jungle, Tim Pflueger/Oz, Richie Rich/JohnPaul's

Leather Bar of the Year: Dallas Eagle/ Dallas, Hound Dogs/Baton Rouge, JohnPaul's, Phoenix, Rawhide 2010;

GLBT Business of the Year: Alternatives, French Quarter Suites, Queen Fashions, Rab Dab, Sir Speedy Printing;

Leather Person of the Year: Michael Albracht, Toby Lefort, Bruce Orgeron, Gary Vandeventer, Matt Worner;

Transgender of the Year: Regina Adams, Dee Cooley, Jasmine SX, Rusty LaRoux, Marcy Marcell;

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Hair Salon of the Year: Beauty Lounge,

Lesbian of the Year: Marty Curtin, Chansley Dykes/Baton Rouge, Mae Falgout, Winnie Green, Red Hanson;

Gay Man of the Year: Mike Cookmeyer, Richard Dykes/Baton Rouge, Ken Grandpre, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio; and

Entertainer of the Year: Elizabeth Bouvier, Lauren Brown, Coca, Ama Rosa, The Roughnecks/Baton Rouge.

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TOP 5 FINALIJTJ

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Special Guests: GAA Founder Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year '08 Elizabeth Bouvier & Nicole Foxx Honoring **Don Evans** 22nd Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

> Gala Emcees: Lisa Beaumann [&] Teryl-Lynn Fo^{xx}

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