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# SUNDAY, JULY 20TH 5PM

Gia Gia Vanni Monique Michaels Monica Synclaire Kennedy Sheeya Mann Moanalot Fontaine Coca Mesa Justin D. Cooter Cami Sais Quoi and MORE...

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# **Gia Gia Vanni**

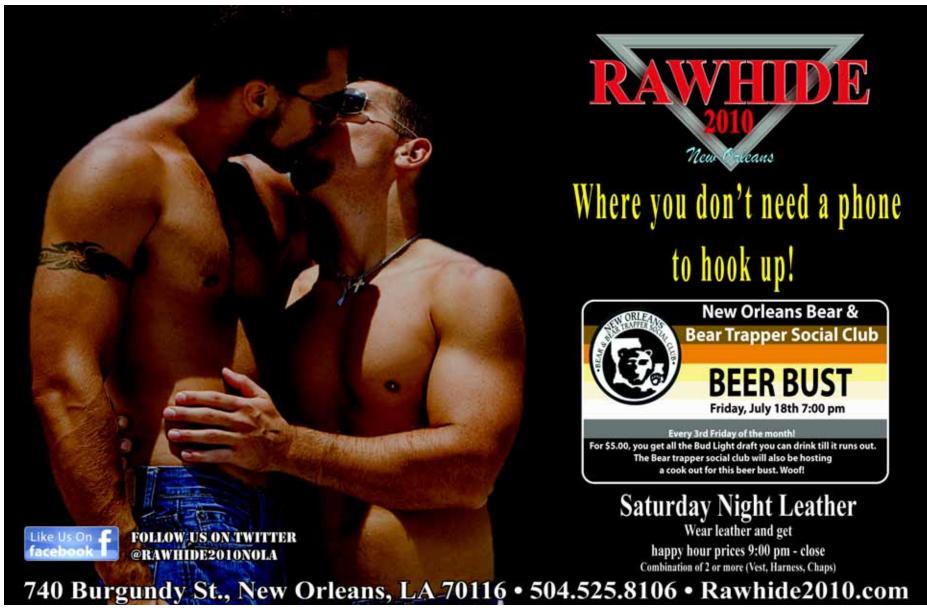
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### Readers Vote & Decide Gay Appreciation Awards Top 5 Finalist

The Top 5 Finalist in the 27th annual Gay Appreciation Awards were voted on by the readership of Ambush Mag July 4-10 online. One of those 5 is the winner which will be announced at the GAA Gala. The 27th GAA Gala is set for Saturday, August 2nd, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. The 2014 winners are announced at this event. VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and are very limited. All proceeds benefit Southern Decadence 2014. Contact Rip Naquin for table reservations at ripna@ambushmag.com or 504.522.8049. Door admission is \$10.

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Top 5 Finalist include:

- Circuit Party/Event of the Year: Baton Rouge Pride, Gay Easter Parade, Halloween XXX, Oz White Party, Southern Decadence 2013
- Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Petronius, Lords of Leather, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon
- Hair Salon of the Year: Bobby Blue Beauty Parlor, Fee & Art's Revival Studio, Fifi Mahony's, Head Quarters Salon, Mickey Nolan's Salon
- Neighborhood Bar of the Year: Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, Golden Lantern, Good Friends, GrandPre's
- Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award [organization/individual doing outstanding service in the AIDS arena]: Darren Ferris, Gay Easter Parade, Gia Gia Vanni, Toby Lefort, NO/ AIDS Task Force
- Bitch of the Year: Electra City, Reba Douglas, Chi-Chi Rodriquez, Persana Shoulders, Princesse Stephaney
- Show Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, Golden Lantern, Oz
- Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award [play, chorus or theatrical group/no individuals]: Golden Girls, La Familia, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Running with Scissors, Southern Bartichuates
- Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year: Clover Grill, Eat, Little Vic's, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Verti Mart
- Dance Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Lucky Pierre's,
- Bartender of the Year: Frank Joseph/Oz, Ashlee Logan/Golden Lantern, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Chris Peterson/Oz, Wayne Penton/Oz
- DJ of the Year: Jason Emrick, Dominick "Dom" Kolb, Robbie Martin, Tim Pflueger, Jonathan "JRB" Reed
  - Leather Bar of the Year: Phoenix, Rawhide
- Cheridon Comedy Award: Jeff DeRouen, Rikki Gee, Gia GiaVanni, Persana Shoulders, Princesse Stephaney
- Fly Fashion Glamour Award: Dominique DeLorean, Connie Hung, Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Karli LaCorre, Aubrey Synclaire
- LGBT Business of the Year [no bars/restaurants/delis/hair salons]: Bourbon Pride, Crescent City Tour Booking Agency, Delaney & Robb Attorneys at Law, Panda Bear, Rab Dab Clothing & Gifts
- Leather Person of the Year: Alan Bowers, Toby Lefort, ADKus Supps, Jeff Turberville, Gary Vandeventer
- Transgender of the Year: Regina Adams, Adrian Claveria, Joann Guidos, Rikki Redd, Chi-Chi Rodriquez
- Lesbian of the Year: Misti Ates, Stacy Bundrick, Mina Hernandez, Pat McArdle, Courtney Wilson
- Gay Man of the Year: Chad Boutte, Tommy Elias, Frank Joseph, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio
- Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year: [female/male impersonator/drag star or entertainer]: Gia GiaVanni, Connie Hung, Monique Michaels, Aubrey Synclaire, Persana Shoulders

Featured entertainment includes last year's Entertainer of the Year Monique Michaels, and Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, Golden Lantern, and Oz has been invited to present a production number.

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.

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.

### **Dining Out for Life New** Orleans - "It's time to let someone else do the cooking!"

In New Orleans nothing is as easy as going out on the town and finding a great place to eat. What makes that experience even better is when it supports NO/ AIDS Task Force.

On July 17, NO/AIDS Task Force and dozens of participating restaurants present Dining Out for Life. This one day event, now in its 18th year locally, is an annual city-wide event in which participating restaurants donate a portion of their receipts to benefit NO/AIDS Task Force and its client services. Last year, this event raised over \$81,000.

The great thing about Dining Out for Life is that every cent raised here stays right in the community to help the men, women and families affected by HIV and AIDS," said Co-Chair Christian LeBlanc, Daytime Emmy award-winning actor, who portrays lawyer Michael Baldwin on The Young & The Restless.

New Orleans treasure, Poppy Tooker, host of the weekly NPR affiliated radio show, Louisiana EATS!, joins LeBlanc for the 3rd consecutive year as Dining Out for Life Co-Chair. With her motto, "Eat It To Save It", Poppy has been instrumental in reviving many endangered foods and food traditions. Tooker is always quick to say "heck yeah!" when asked to support the Task Force. Tooker has shared her love of food, and cooking with our clients through the Task Force's Life Skills program, and as Culinary Arts Chair for Art Against AIDS. Both are generously sponsored by Chevron.

"It's time to let someone else do the cooking! Dining Out for Life is such an easy and fun way to support NO/AIDS Task Force, and our friends working in restaurants during the slowest part of the year," said Tooker.

Long time participant, and always one of the first to sign on each year, is Muriel's Jackson Square restaurant. Denise Gratia, co-owner of Muriel's with her husband Rick, said, "Dining Out for Life is a highlight of our summer. It is one of our favorite events, and we love being able to support NO/AIDS Task Force and the people – right here in our community – which you serve."

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