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outhern Decadence Grand Marshals (SDGMs) XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander unveil the "official" poster at the annual Southern Decadence Press Party hosted upstairs in the Parade above the Bourbon Pub this year in New Orleans. The colorful poster by renowned photographer Larry Graham of GrahamStudioOne.COM reflects the theme of Viva New Orleans: What Happens in New Orleans Stays in New **Orleans.** The grand marshals also announced the "official" song **Fireworks** by Katy Perry. This year's colors are fuchsia pink, black and silver, while the "official" charity is NO/AIDS Task Force. The evening started off with a by invitation only VIP reception with culinary delights by Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, followed by the Press Party open to the public.

Rubio and Alexander lead the 40th anniversary of Southern Decadence culminating Labor Day Weekend with the 37th annual Southern Decadence Parade on Sunday, September 4th at 2pm followed by the 18th annual Southern Decadence Bead Toss. Visit SouthernDecadence.COM for additional info.



Julien Artressia, XXXIV Marcus

Martinez, XXX Mike Sheehan, XXXIII

Lisa Beaumann & XXXV Paloma.



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Saturday, July 23rd

>11pm Marcy Marcell's Golden Age Revue (Bringing You A World of Entertainment from New Orleans)

hosted by Princesse Stephaney with Zsa Zsa d'LaHor, Regina Adams, Eva Las Vegas, Raven Kennedy & Guests

Monday, July 25th

> 9:30pm Engender starring Corynne Deville, Shelbie Heart, Shelbie Heart RileyRy Conrad, Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Johnny Passionn & Starr Alexander



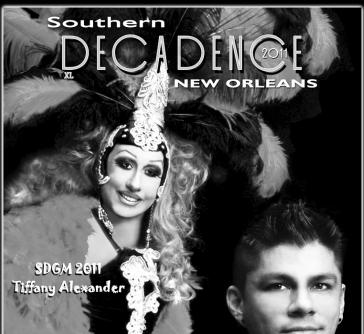


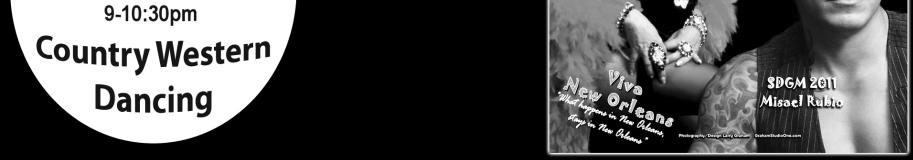
• Friday, July 29th

> 10pm FourPlay with Elizabeth Bouvier

starring Lauren Brown, Tami Tarmac & Dominique DeLorean with DJ Richie Rich

 Saturday, July 30th
9:30pm Ist Southern Decadence
TUESDAYS 8-9pm
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Lefort, Troy Powell, Gary Vandeventer

• Transgender of the Year - Regina Adams, Dee Cooley, Jasmine Essex, JoAnn Guidos, Rikki Redd

• Lesbian of the Year - Misti Ates, Koo Gaffney, Gino New Orleans, Sandy Sachs, Sherran Thomas

• Gay Man of the Year - Tommy Elias, Darrin Ferris, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, Chuck Turner

• Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year - Big Mama, Elizabeth Bouvier, Monique Michaels, Princesse Stephaney, Tittie Toulouse

The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence, the Drag Ambassador Award, is presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

Sponsored by **Ambush**, the awards thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community who are often 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 GAA Board of Directors include Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain. Visit <u>AmbushMag.COM/GAA</u> for info.

SDGMs 37 Misael Rubio & Tiffany Alexander Unveil Official Southern Decadence Poster

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SDGM XXXVII Misael Rubio (Photo by Larry Graham)

AIDS Task Force.

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SDGM XXXVII Tiffany Alexander (Photo by Larry Graham)

The 40th anniversary of Southern Decadence is set for Wednesday, August 31st through Labor Day, Monday, September 5th. There will be a flurry of activities and events leading up to the 37th annual Southern Decadence Parade on Sunday, September 4th. As the parade winds through the streets of the French Quarter, you will get to see all the outrageous fun led by SDGMs XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander followed by the annual Southern Decadence Bead Toss at



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SDGMs XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander have announced upcoming events including:

Friday, July 22nd, 9pm, Metairie-Slidell Bar Run beginning at Club LAX to Club Tribute and 4 Seasons in Metairie, to Billy's and Anything Geaux's in Slidell, ending back at Club LAX

Friday, July 29th, 8-10pm, Viva New Orleans: A Pre-Southern Decadence Celebration with Southern Decadence Poster Signing & SDGM XXXVII Meet & Greet at Oz

Saturday, July 30th, 9:30pm, 1st Southern Decadence Charity Benefit for NO/AIDS Task Force at JohnPaul's

Friday, August 5th, 8pm, Bywater-Marigny Bar Run beginning at Bywater Patio Bar to Country Club, Cutter's, Big Daddy's, Friendly Bar, Phoenix, Kajun's Pub ending at JohnPaul's

Saturday, August 6th 10pm, 2nd Southern Decadence Charity Fundraiser for NO/AIDS Task Force at

Hidden Treasures of the Louisiana State Museum Exhibit July 20th

The Friends of the Cabildo will host an exclusive viewing of the special collections of the Louisiana State Museum at the collections facility housed at 1000 Chartres Street. On Wednesday, July 20th, from 5-7:30pm, guests will be guided through this remarkable assemblage of art, costumes, artifacts and more.

Louisiana State Museum curators will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their respective collections on a docent-guided tour. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$10 Friends of the Cabildo members Space is limited. Reservations are required.

For more information on this event and how to become a Friends of the Cabildo member, please contact Rebecca Duckert at 504.523.3939 or rebecca@friendsofthecabildo.org.

Club LAX

Thursday, August 11th, 9pm, Southern Decadence Poster Signing with \$10 proceeds benefiting NO/AIDS Task Force at 700 Club

Saturday, August 20th, Southern Decadence Grand Marshals Dinner, by invitation only

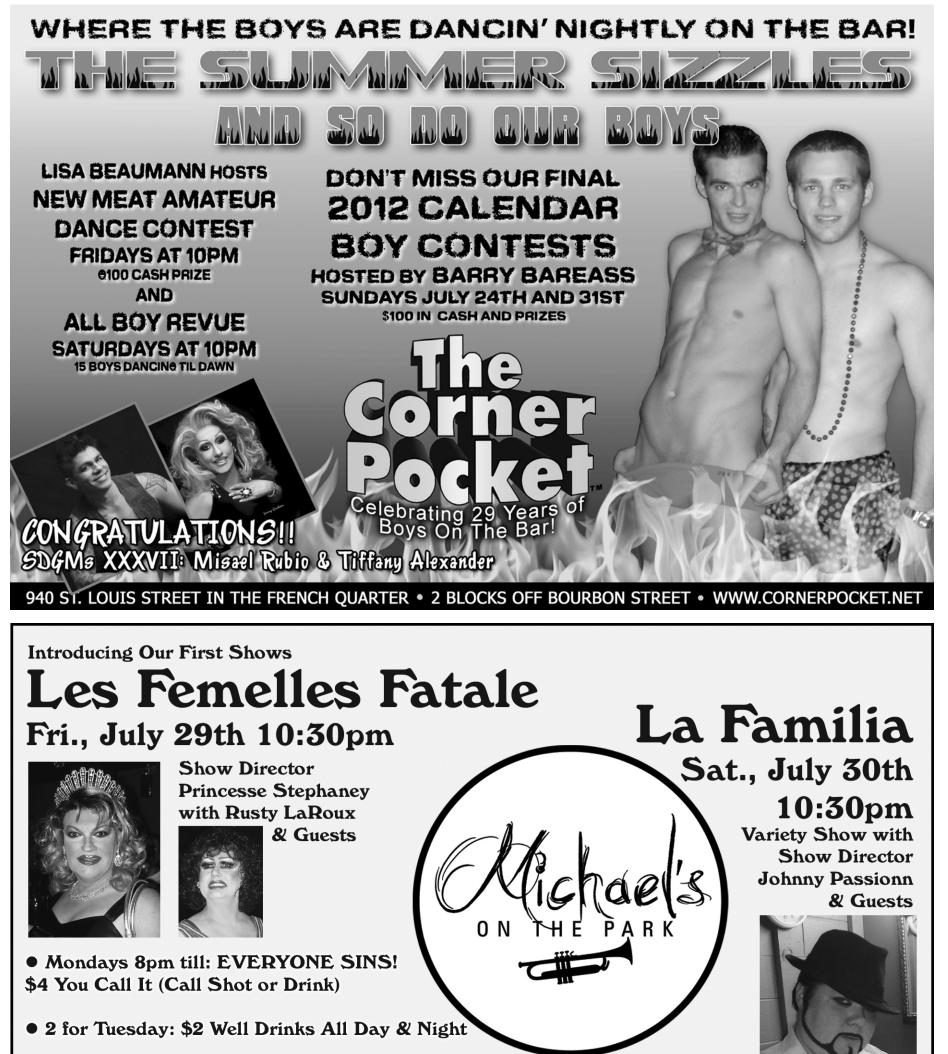
For additional information, visit <u>SouthernDecadence.COM</u>.

All proceeds are raised in support of the Louisiana State Museum and its collections, exhibits and programs.

Friends of the Cabildo is a private, non-profit volunteer group that provides financial and volunteer support

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for the Louisiana State Museum, its projects and its property. Since incorporating in 1956, the Friends of the Cabildo has grown into a large statewide membership organization, a dynamic and motivating force in broadening and supporting the aims of the Louisiana State Museum.

1st Shows Set at Michael's On The Park

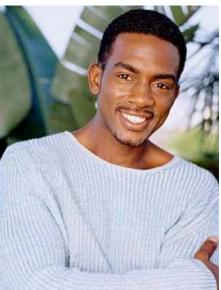
ichael's On The Park, 834 N. Rampart, the newest gay bar in the French Quarter, will launch its first shows July 29th and 30th. Entertainment goers will be treated to Les Femelles Fatale on Friday, July 29th beginning at 10:30pm. Under the direction of Princesse Stephaney, the show loosely translated as "women dangerously seductive" will feature Rusty LaRoux and guests.

On Saturday, July 30th at 10:30pm, its La Familia, a variety show hosted by none other than Pride Grand Marshal Johnny Passionn.

Proprietor Mike Cookmeyer has several special nights at the club and is the only gay bar with a great patio in the entire French Quarter. Be sure and catch one of his fab cookouts!

Harrah's Presents Bill Bellemy July 30th

arrah's New Orleans welcomes actor and stand-up comedian Bill Bellamy to Harrah's Theatre, Saturday, July 30th at 8pm. Bellamy will entertain guests with his unique and humorous look at love and relationships when he brings his latest comedy tour, *Ladies Night Out*, to the Big Easy.



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Currently, Bellamy is the executive producer and host of TV One's **Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes?** Over the past decade, Bellamy has become an icon in the world of comedy, performing hundreds of shows to sold-out audiences.

Tickets are now on sale and are available for purchase at <u>www.ticketmaster.com</u> or by calling 1.800.745.3000. You must be 21 to enter the casino.

For more information about Harrah's New Orleans, visit <u>www.harrahsneworleans.com</u>.

19th Oh What A Drag Aug. 1st at Bourbon Pub Parade

he 19th annual **Oh What A Drag: Burly-esque Burlesque** is set for the Monday, August 1st, 9pm, at Bourbon Pub

Parade, 801 Bourbon Street. This employee turnabout is one of the hottest tickets in town raising thousands of dollars for charity each year.

According to the Bourbon Pub Parade, "Beginning with our unbeatable 4-9pm Happy Hour, come see your favorite bartenders and employees perform like you've never seen them before!" A portion of bar sales and bartenders' tips will benefit NO/ AIDS Task Force Food For Friends. Plus the club offers drink specials for everyone in DRAG!

Whitney White Linen Night Opens at the Ogden Aug. 6th

he Ogden Museum of Southern Art will unveil a

■ group of exhibitions on Whitney White Linen Night Saturday, August 6th that showcase the range and diversity of Southern art, with a focus on Mississippi. There will also be live music by David Moore and other musicians, a cash bar, and the Museum store will be open, offering select discounts for its annual Summer Sale.

Admission is free, and the Museum is open 6-9pm.

Self-Taught, Outsider and Visionary Art from the Collection of Alexa Kleinbard and Jim Roche

Together the husband and wife team of Jim Roche and Alexa Kleinbard have amassed one of the most important collections of self-taught, outsider, and visionary art in the United States. Their shared vision as collectors reflect their own sensibilities as working artists. Since the early 1970s, Kleinbard and Roche have pioneered the promotion, understanding, and appreciation of artists who work beyond the parameters of the art gallery and museum system. Many of the artists in their collection are not heavily represented in other places, resulting in a unique

and highly personal collection.

This exhibition features the art of Jesse James Aaron, Columbus "Dude" McGriff, O.L. Samuels, Roger Rice, John Robert Ellis, and many more. *On view through September 18, 2011.*

Spotlight on Mississippi

From the Hill Country to the Gulf Coast, Mississippi has long been fertile ground for artistic endeavor. While known primarily for its contributions to music and literature, the visual arts have played an equally important role in shaping the cultural identity of this complicated state.

This is the second in the Museum's annual series of state-focused exhibitions. **Spotlight on Mississippi** draws heavily from the Ogden Museum's permanent collection, and includes paintings, drawings, and sculpture by Mississippi artists, including—Theora Hamblett, Dusti Bongé, Archie Bongé, Bess Dawson, Halcyon Barnes, Ruth Holmes, Sultan Rogers, Pappy Kitchens, William Dunlap, Walter Anderson, William Hollingsworth, John McCrady, Tennessee Williams, Ed McGowin, Sam Gilliam and many more. *On view through September 18, 2011.*

Mississippi Photographs, 1860s–Present

A survey of Mississippi photography that spans more than 150 years. Images portray the cultural, social, political and environmental changes that have shaped and defined the state, emphasizing the deep ties that exist between the people of Mississippi and the land.

The exhibition Includes photographs by: George Ballis, Lyle Bongé, Seth Boonchai, Maude Schuyler Clay, William Eggleston, Walker Evans, William Ferris, Roland Freeman, Matt Herron, Lewis Hine, Birney Imes, Jessica Ingram, William Henry Jackson, Franke Keating, Stuart Klipper, Jack Kotz, Clarence John Laughlin, Danny Lyon, Milly Moorehead West, David Rae Morris, Tom Rankin, Kathleen Robbins, Euphus Ruth, Jack Spencer, Mark Steinmetz, Gayle Stevens, Eudora Welty, Bruce West, Marion Post Wolcott and Terry Wood. On view through September 18, 2011.

Birney Imes: Whispering Pines Whispering Pines is a photographic documentation of a single café and bar in the Mississippi prairie, portraying-through both black-and-white and color photographs-the slow decline of a storied establishment and its colorful proprietor and patrons from the mid-1970s until the café closed in the early 1990s. This is the final offering from the Ogden Museum's series of three exhibitions of Mississippi photographer Birney Imes. The previous two were Partial to Home and Juke Joint. On view through mid-October 2011.

The pottery of Mississippi is as diverse as the state itself—whether from the coast, the Delta or points beyond—infusing the state's potters a strong and rich legacy to build upon. The work in this exhibition may be purchased in the Center. On view through September 2011.

A Technological Terrarium Presented by the Ogden Museum's Kohlmeyer Circle

Selections of analogical and digit logical ephemera: mechanical sculpture and electronica dada. Artists and hackers from New Orleans, Houma, and Austin present work that disturbs lines between the traditions of mechanics, technology and art. Most participants in this exhibition are also part of *Automata*, an annual exhibition of mechanical, kinetic, electronic, and biological sculpture.

Artist list: Mark Anderson, Kevin Brown, Christopher Deris, Adam Farrington, Jesse Fontenot, Gumbo Labs, Samuel Joyce, Jayme Kalal, Kourtney Keller, Colin McIntyre, Lefty Parker, Bob Snead, David Sullivan and H. Cole Wiley. *On view through September 12, 2011.* Curated by Myrtle Von Damitz.

Looking to Learn: New Orleans Center for Creative Arts

An exhibition showcasing the photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media pieces created by the visual arts students at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA). "Looking to Learn" is an art education series curated by the Ogden featuring artwork by students in area schools. Previous schools have included the Louise S. McGehee School, Holy Cross School and Jefferson Parish Public School System Talented Visual Arts Program. On view through September 2011.

Dr. Paige Schilt & Meghan Stabler to Keynote TG Summit

he 3rd Annual Texas Transgender Nondiscrimination Summit, scheduled

for August 12-13 at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas, is excited to announce its keynote speakers for this year: Dr. Paige Schilt and Ms. Meghan Stabler.

Dr. Schilt will be the keynote speaker on Friday, August 12. Awriter, activist, and educator, Dr. Schilt is a contributor to The Bilerico Project, where she writes about trans-family life. The former Director of National Communications at Soulforce, she teaches English, communications, gender studies, and recently served as Interim Assistant Dean of Student Multicultural Affairs at Southwestern University.



Bellamy first caught America's attention on HBO's *Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam*, where he coined the now infamous phrase, "booty call." He went on to host several MTV programs and star in a number of movies including *How To Be A Player, Getting Played, Any Given Sunday* and

Mississippi Mud: The Potters of Mississippi Presented by the Center for Southern Craft and Design Ms. Meghan Stabler will be the keynote speaker on Saturday, August

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