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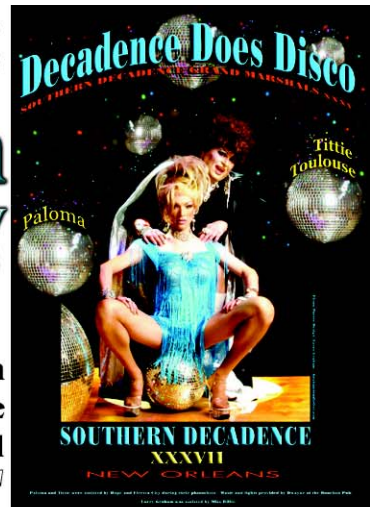
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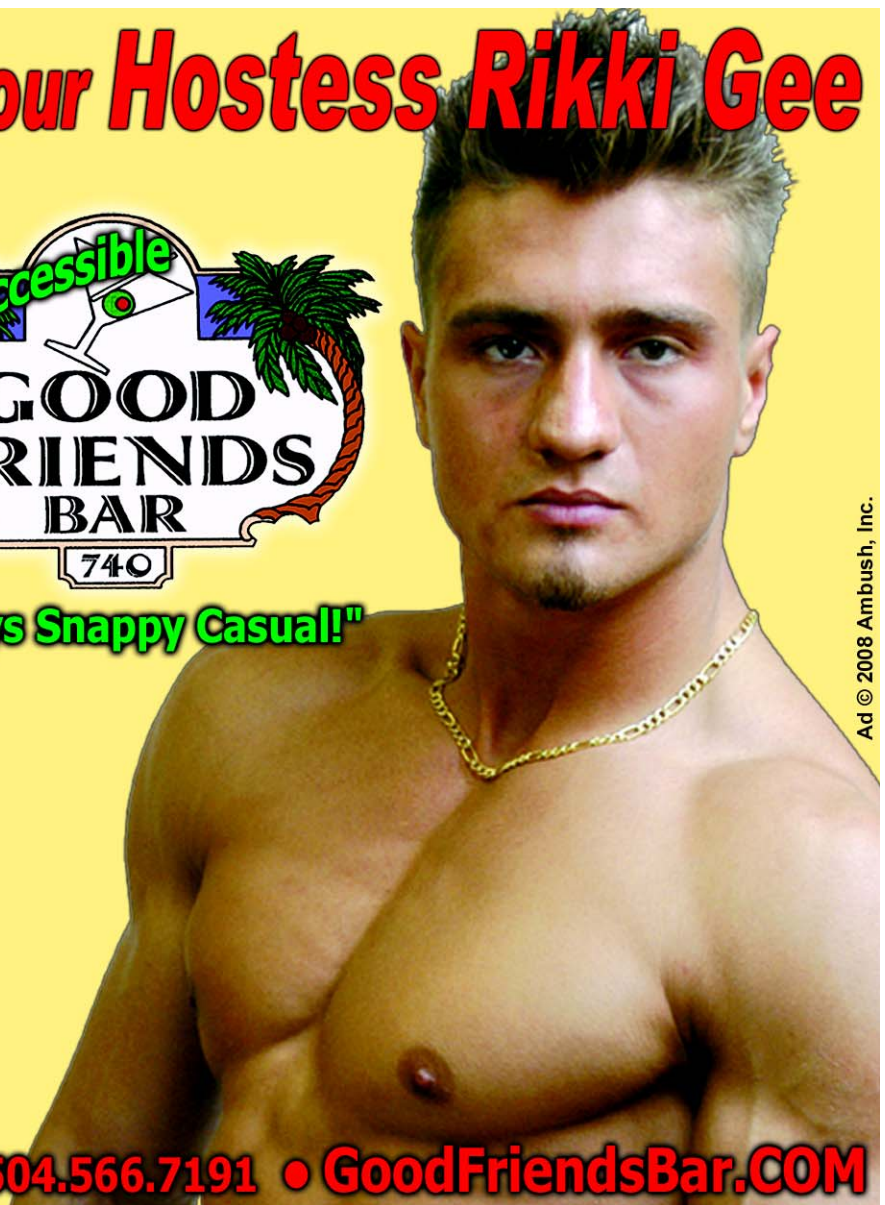
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Gay Appreciation Awards Gala Raises \$3,000 for Buzzy's Boys and Girls, Winners Announced

The 21st annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Gala, hosted at Marigny Theatre in New Orleans, raised \$3,000 for the William Fanning Foundation, aka Buzzy's Boys & Girls. Funds included \$2,000 in VIP Table sales, \$630 in door sales, \$361 in stage performance tips and another \$9 by **Ambush** to make the night's take an even \$3,000.

VIP Table sales included \$200: Opal Masters and Darwin Reed, and Splash Baton Rouge; and at \$100: Nick Olivares and Roy Smith, Alternatives, Jeff Palmquist, Bill Fitch, Cowpokes, Donnie Jay, Bobby Blue Salon, JohnPaul's, Gary Vandeventer, Marty Curtin and Koo Gaffney, C&B (Chuck & Bill) Enterprises, Phoenix, Dee Cooley and Stephanie Lee, Mae Falgout, Bonnie Mina, and Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli.

Special thanks to the Marigny Theatre for donating the venue, sponsor **Ambush** for underwriting all expenses, DJ Richie Rich for sound and lights, and Todd Blauvelt for volunteering at the door. Additionally, the GAA Board would like to thank Cowpokes, Oz, Parade, Splash Baton Rouge and Starlight By The Park for the incredible production presentations, and GAA Founder Marcy Marcell and 2007 Entertainer of the Year Princesse Stephaney for their talents.

Beginning promptly at 8pm sharp, GAA Board's Rip Naquin-Delain gave his welcome and introduced Show Bar of the Year Finalist Starlight By The Park. Following the lively opening production, special guest MC Savanna DeLorean and GAA Board's Lisa Beaumann came to the podium. They presented Circuit Party/Event of the Year to Halloween New Orleans, Gay Carnival Ball of the Year to Krewe of Amon Ra, and Bitch of the Year to Baton Rouge's Mia Bonet.

Show Bar of the Year Finalist Oz was up next and was a crowd pleaser. MC Savanna DeLorean presented Neighborhood Bar of the Year to Cowpokes, the Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award to Baton Rouge's Greg T. Bell AIDS Foundation, and the Performing Arts Award to New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus.

Show Bar of the Year Finalist Parade gave a rousing performance. MC Savanna DeLorean and GAA Board's Lisa Beaumann then presented Restaurant/Deli of the Year to Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, GLBT Business of the Year to Queen Fashions, Hair Salon of the Year to Salon D'Malta, and

Cheridon Comedy Award to Eva Las Vegas.

GAA Founder Marcy Marcell's rendition was dedicated to her late and dear friend, Connie Marcelle. GAA Board's Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain presented Fly Fashion Victim Award to Pat McCardle, Fly Fashion Glamour Award to Opal Masters, and Marsha Delain Award of Excellence (the Drag Ambassador Award) to Rhonda Roget.

Entertainer of the Year 2007 Princess Stephaney was up next. GAA Board's Toni Pizanie and MC Savanna DeLorean presented Leather Person of the Year to Gary Vandeventer, DJ of the Year to Richie Rich, Leather Bar of the Year to Phoenix, and Dance Bar of the Year to Oz.

Show Bar of the Year Finalist Cowpokes was a dazzler. Pizanie and DeLorean then presented Lesbian of the Year to Marty Curtin, Transgender of the Year to Regina Adams, and Man of the Year to Ken Grandpre.

First time Show Bar of the Year Finalist Splash Baton Rouge closed out the entertainment portion with a bang. GAA Board's Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain presented Bartender of the Year to Lance Pippin, and Show Bar of the Year to Cowpokes. For the second time in the history of the GAA, there was a tie for Entertainer of the Year going to both New Orleans' Elizabeth Bouvier and Baton Rouge's Nicole Foxx.

The Naquin-Delain's were joined on stage by GAA Board's Toni Pizanie and MC Savanna DeLorean to bestow the highest honor of the evening, the Lifetime Achievement Award. The group recognized recipient Mary L. Lathouwers and partner of 19 years, Darlene Gaudin, who were legally married in San Francisco, California on July 7. Mary is a detective at the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) 8th District work-

ing 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. In accepting the honor, Mary urged the crowd to contact her should they have any problems that she might be able to help them with at mlathouwers@cityofno.com.

This brought the evening to a close at 10pm sharp. 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 and Marsha Naquin-Delain, the late Dan Romero, the late Miss Do, the late Louise McFarland, Miss Dixie Fasnacht, Alice Brady and John Dodt, Gene Adams, the late Charlene Schneider, Steve Mettner, Marty Curtin and Koo Gaffney, Donnie Jay, Kitty Blackwell, Michael "Fish" Hickerson, and Marcy Marcell.

Nineteen awards are decided by public on-line voting in early June each year. The GAA Board of Directors presents the Lifetime Achievement Award, Cheridon Comedy Award, Fly Fashion Victim Award and Fly Fashion Glamour Award. The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence is presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain. 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.

GAA Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, and Toni J.P. Pizanie. For more info, visit AmbushMag.COM/GAA.

8th Annual Satchmo Club Strut Aug. 1

The New Orleans Jazz Centennial Celebration is proud to bring back New Orleans' summer tradition with the 8th annual Satchmo Club Strut, the musical club

crawl down Frenchmen Street on Friday, August 1. The "Strut" is a great way to start the weekend long Satchmo SummerFest, celebrating Louis Armstrong and jazz in all its forms, produced by French Quarter Festivals Inc. The Satchmo Club Strut serves as both a fund-raiser for Jazz Centennial non-profit jazz outreach programs and a promotional showcase for the Frenchmen Street Arts & Culture District. The price of one wristband gains admission to all participating venues.

This year's event has a constellation of jazz stars lined up including New Orleans trumpet legend Lionel Ferbos, Irvin Mayfield, The Charmaine Neville Band, Ellis Marsalis and many more.

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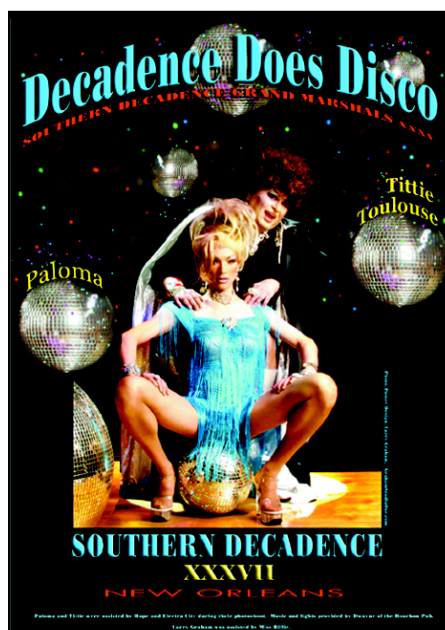
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