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THE ULTIMATE
MONSTERBRAWL
VS.
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PULPIT WEIGH MASH THOMPSON
GALA - THIS EVENT
INCLUDES A WHITE IT'S NOT TELEVISION - WHO WILL BE CHAMPION?
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD

CELEBRATION

COME AND CELEBRATE OZ'S
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-GAY APPRECIATION AWARDS



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MANAGER DRINK SPECIALS ALL NIGHT LONG!

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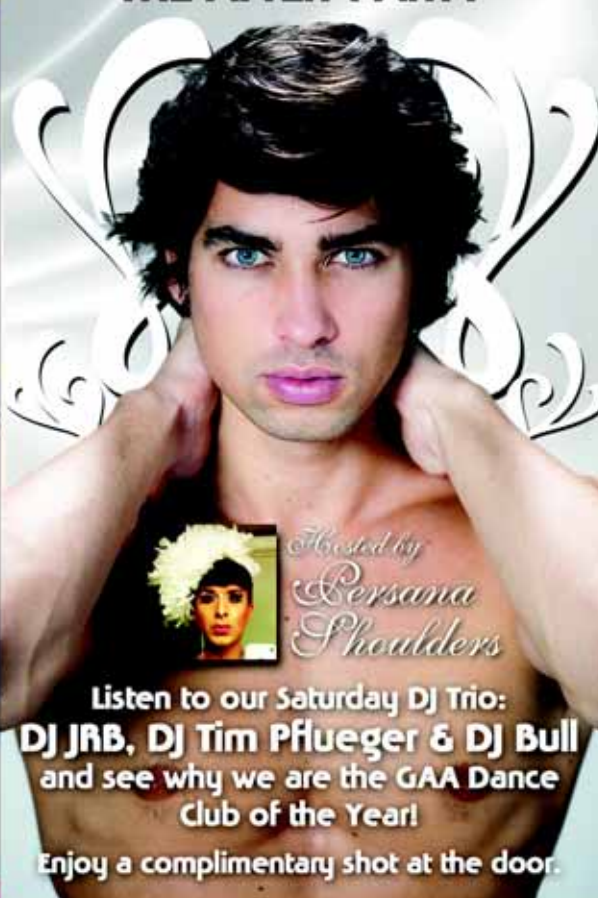
DJ BRIAN HARTMAN
AND 12X GAA DJ OF THE YEAR
TIM PFLUEGER

LIGHTS BY **JOHNNY EUBANKS**

~ SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th ~

White Linen
Night

THE AFTER-PARTY



Hosted by
Persana
Shoulders

Listen to our Saturday DJ Trio:
DJ JRB, DJ Tim Pflueger & DJ Bull
and see why we are the GAA Dance
Club of the Year!

Enjoy a complimentary shot at the door.

FRIDAY, AUG 10TH
The Red Dress Run Pre-Party

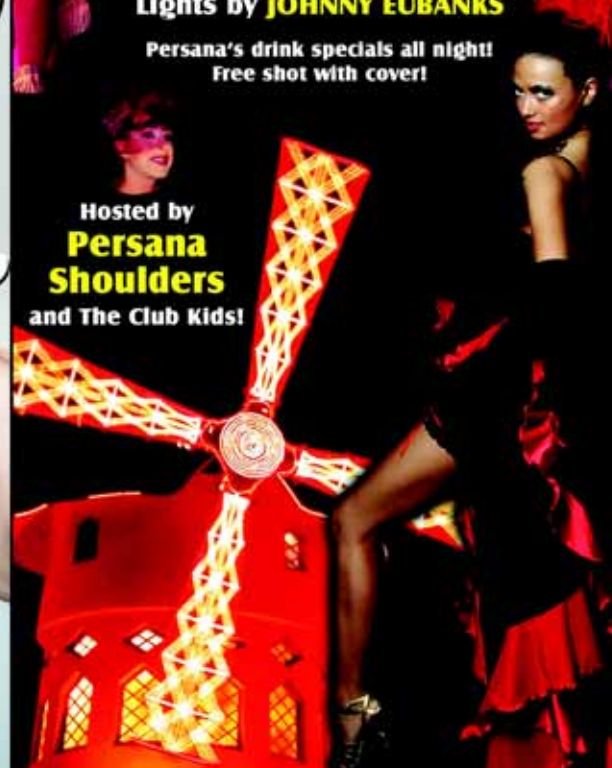
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ROUGE

DJ BRIAN HARTMAN
DJ TIM PFLUEGER

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☆ Friday, Aug. 24th 9pm

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UNDERWEAR PARTY

(underwear, swim suits, whatever...)

Undressed Guests Drink for Half Price

Clothes Check Available

Music by 4 Seasons' DJ E

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"STILL THE ONE"

☆ Saturday, Aug. 25th

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**Big Momma's
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August Drink Special

Wednesdays 8-10pm

**\$1 Well Cocktails
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Wednesday, Aug. 1st 9:30pm

The Man Show

Saturday, Aug. 4th 10:30pm

Princesse Stephaney's Rising Stars

Wednesday, Aug. 8th 9:30pm

Engender

Saturday, Aug. 11th 10:30pm

La Familia

Karaoke

Thursdays 9pm

DJ Eddie

Wednesday 8pm

Friday & Saturday 9pm

Food on the Patio

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Saints @ New England Patriots

Thurs, Aug. 9th @ 6:30pm

Saints vs. Jacksonville Jaguars

Fri., Aug. 17th @ 7pm



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Sat., August 11th
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Red Dress Run!

FULL MOON PARTY

Wed., Aug. 1st • 9pm-5am Free Clothes Check

Happy Hour Prices for Those Only in Underwear

BLACKOUT PARTY

Thurs., Aug. 9th • 9pm-5am

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Thrilling Excitement as Winners Take to the Stage for the 25th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala Raising \$3,432 for Buzzy's Boys & Girls

Winner after winner took to the stage to claim victory in the 25th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala! Upon arrival guests knew it was going to be a magical night. Giant GAA banners welcomed them outside of Oz in New Orleans created by the innovative and talented Doyle Yeager and partner Keith Trammell. Doyle, who is one of the proprietors of Oz, also did a magnificent job on transforming the club into a venue worthy of an Academy Awards party. From the brilliant red, gold and star studded stage, to the VIP tables, each with their own platter full of sugared pecans, grapes, strawberries, and gourmet mixed nuts, centered with fresh rose arrangements, it was indeed spectacular.

The VIP table sponsors had to be awed by what was laid out for their evening of entertainment. Before the night even kicked off the generosity of these sponsors brought in \$2,000 for the beneficiary of the evening, the William J. Fanning Foundation, affectionately known as Buzzy's Boys & Girls. Special thanks to all of these sponsors including Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Chuck Turner and Bill Miller/4 Seasons/Double Play/Billy's, Roy Smith and Nick Olivares, Michael Cookmeyer/Michael's On The Park, Safonda Peters and Stuart Nettles, Buzzy's Boys & Girls, Buzzy's Boys & Girls, Tubby's Golden Lantern, Joann and Lisa Guidos/Kajun's Pub, and Ron Johnson. The event raised a total of \$3,432 with \$1,150 in door donations, and \$282 is stage performance tips. All expenses including advertising, plaques, table and chair rentals, were covered by sponsor **Ambush Mag**. Since 1997, the gala has raised \$46,104 for charity.

There were many new winners, multiple time winners, but winners all the same. The Gulf South readership of **Ambush** votes by public ballot choosing the Top 5 Finalist in each category, of which one is the winner. The finalist themselves should be proud of their achievements.

While awards were being dispersed throughout the night, guests were able to see production performances by all five Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists, the only time once a year you're able to experience this diverse group of talent under one roof on the same stage. The performances were all different and exciting including Bourbon Pub Parade, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, Oz, and Tubby's Golden Lantern. Many thanks for donating your time to this great cause.

The GAA Board of Directors took to the stage at different times teaming up to emcee the festivities including the duos of Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, and Teryl-Lynn Foxx and Rip



Naquin-Delain. Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XXXVIII Pat McArdle and TJ Conard were called to the stage to give us a look into what to expect for Southern Decadence 41 Labor Day Weekend. While Miss Gay Louisiana America Maybelline Maskara came to the stage to address the crowd on the upcoming stage pageant in August at Splash in Baton Rouge.

The evening honored the 25th Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Regina Ann Adams whose coveted honor closed out the festivities presented by the GAA Board of Directors who chose her for her many decades entertaining in numerous troupes and shows, as well as raising funds for numerous charities and causes.

The winners included:

Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year-Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli,

GLBT Business of the Year-Bourbon Pride,

Hair Salon of the Year-Head Quarters,

Circuit Party/Event of the Year-Halloween,

Leather Bar of the Year-Phoenix,

Bitch of the Year-Princesse

Stephaney,

Big Pre-Southern Decadence edition out Aug. 14th inside DEADLINE: Tues., Aug. 7th

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Marsha Delain Award of Excellence, the "Drag Ambassador" award presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain to Dusty DeBris,

Cheridon Comedy Award-in memory of past GAA President Sonny Cheridon Cleveland to Persana Shoulders,

Neighborhood Bar of the Year-Tubby's Golden Lantern,

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award-Toby Lefort,

Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award- in memory of Donnie "Jay" James to *Next Fall*,

Transgender of the Year-Jasmine Essex,

DJ of the Year-Tim Pflueger/Oz
Fly Fashion Glamour Award-in memory of Ms. Fly to Monica Synclaire-Kennedy,

Leather Person of the Year-Gary Vandeventer,

Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year-Krewe of Amon-Ra,

Dance Club of the Year-Oz,
Lesbian of the Year-Misti Ates,
Gay Man of the Year-Tommy Elias,

Bartender of the Year-Andy Ehlers/Tubby's Golden Lantern,

Show Bar of the Year-Oz, and
Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year-in honor of GAA Founder Marcy Marcell to Monique Michaels.

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.

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, the late Alice Brady and the late John Dodt, Gene Adams, the late Charlene Schneider, the late Steve Mettner, Marty Curtin and Koo Gaffney, the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James, Kitty Blackwell, Michael "Fish" Hickerson, the late Marcy Marcell, Mary L. Lathouwers, Don Evans, Jean Redmann, and Chuck

Turner and Bill Miller.

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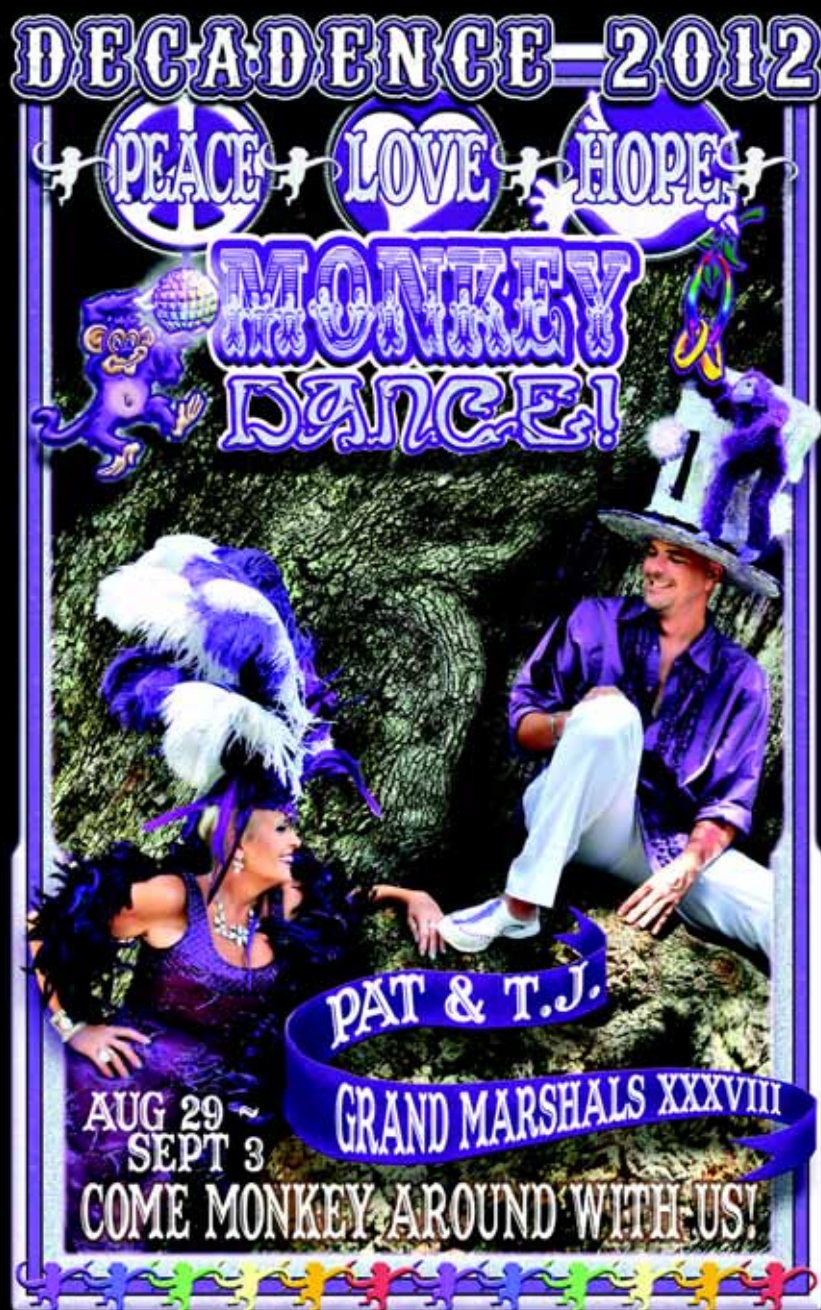
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Friday, Aug. 31st, 10pm

Tubby's Golden Lantern

9th Bourbon Street Extravaganza

Saturday, Sept. 1st, 5pm

Bourbon & St. Ann

**38th Official Southern Decadence
Parade celebrating 41st SD**

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 2pm sharp

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**19th Official Southern Decadence
Bead Toss**

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 4-4:30ish pm

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**15th Southern Decadence Survivors
Outer Loop Bar Crawl**

Monday, Sept. 3rd, 2pm

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