



Co-Emcees Teryl-Lynn Foxx & Lisa Beaumann present Princesse Stephanie Bitch of the Year



NO/AIDS Task Force's Michael Weber & Rodney Thoulion accept Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award



New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus' Rusty Downing accepts Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award



Corner Pocket's Ashlee Logan accepts Bartender of the Year



Crescent Tour Booking Agency's Frank Perez accepts LGBT Business of the Year



Fee & Art's Revival Studio's Connie Hung & Monalot Fontaine accept Hair Salon of the Year



Mr. Big Easy Leather ADKus Supps accepts Leather Person of the Year



Misti Ates accepts Lesbian of the Year



Persana Shoulders accepts Cheridon Comedy Award



SDGM XL Aubrey Synclaire accepts Fly Fashion Glamour Award



Oz stars & DJ staff accepts Dance Club of the Year



Tommy Elias accepts Man of the Year



Quartermaster's Misael Rubio accepts Restaurant/Deli of the Year



Oz DJ Jonathan "JRB" Reed accepts DJ of the Year



Krewe of Amon-Ra's Rhonda & Opal accept Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year from SDGMs XL Aubrey Synclaire & Chad Boutte



Oz accepts Show Club of the Year



GAA Boards Rip & Teryl-Lynn present Neighborhood Bar of the Year to Four Seasons' Tip & Gary aka Electra & Tittie



Chi-Chi Rodriguez accepts Transgender of the Year



SDGMs XL Aubrey & Chad present Circuit Party/Event of the Year to Southern Decadence 2013 accepted by SDGM XXXIX Venus Santiago



GAA Boards Rip & Marsha present Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year to Gia GiaVanni





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Sparkles, Shimmers, and Glitter

In the infamous words of interviewer Elsa Clintch from her fabulous backstage fashion show interviews for the Fashion Channel, the Gay Appreciation Awards were full of "SPARKLES, SHIMMERS, and Glitter". I attended the awards ceremony which celebrates the LGBT Community and it efforts and accomplishments throughout the year. I had a great time watching the awards and all of the wonderful performances from the show club of the year nominees. My favorite part of the entire awards ceremony was watching the enclave of queens, performers, and transsexual divas coming through the door and what they were wearing.

As always I have a question to raise.....

(This question is a for the most part question, not a in general question)

Why in the hell are the performing queens, transsexual divas, and drag queens the only ones dressing as if they are the only ones going to something important?.....

Aren't the GAA something our community should feel a little more pride about. I mean come on guys. Is it too much to ask that you wear something nice. Pants and possibly a button up shirt? Possibly a blazer? I refuse to listen to the excuse of weather being the issue and how hot it is. Would you wear a tee shirt and wrinkled shorts to a summer wedding? If your answer is "yes" please change the channel because obviously you were raised by a pack of wolves. If you have answered "no" there is hope for you. Thank GOD!

Fabric choice has a lot to do with what you wear during the hot humid summers in New Orleans. Cotton, rayon, and linen all good choices. A short sleeve button up and a skinny tie with a nice pair of denim would get the job done. A linen suit even if the pants were draw string and a nicely colored tee under the jacket, with maybe a fun print to show your personality. Even a pair of great shorts, short sleeve button up, and a casual blazer would work. Just a little something that shows that you put some effort into your look for the awards ceremony of the year, and didn't just walk to your closet or dresser and pull out the first thing you saw and said this will work. Please boys. I will be the first to testify that "It didn't work!"

Now on the other hand, once again the diva performers, transsexuals, and drag queens saved the day. They started pouring in about one hour before the event started. Yes people. They were wearing more sparkles, shimmers, and glitter than Tiffany's during the Christmas shopping season, and shall I say colors to boot. From Marsha Delain in here bright red two piece outfit, which if I can say so myself looked amazing on her, to show host Teryl-Lynn Foxx in her absolutely stun-

ning white one shoulder, full length, fishtailed, trained, rhinestoned, fabulous, lusciously styled gown. Let's not forget Lisa Beaumann and her three thousand changes of gown and costume. Bam to the BAM BAM! A majority of the nominees for the New Orleans Fashion Gala and Awards 2014, Most Stylish Performance Queen 2014 award, were there dressed to the 9s also. Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Monique Michaels, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, Dominique DeLorean, and Princesse Stephaney were all looking fabulous. Natasha Sinclair with her perfectly painted face looked like a Hollywood star. Coca Mesa wearing CED Clothing was working the room with hair that would have made Tami Tarmac ask "Who did that?" Oh and shall I dare not mention the next queen who normally only dresses for holidays, Shayla (Shane Scallan). This bitch came walking in dressed as a classy diva from Beverly Hills in wide legged pants, and a colorful top painted for the gods sporting the gorgeous jewelry that she herself makes. Oh lord I must say Gia GiaVanni in her acceptance cocktail dress fitting her as if it were haute couture from Paris. One hell of a luscious bam bam she was.

So once again I have got to give props to the performance queens, transsexuals, and drag queens for teaching the rest of New Orleans how it is done and helping to keep us on the map for fashion. You all deserve an award and in time you will all be given the props you deserve for doing what you do and the efforts you put into your looks helping to keep this city in front of the fashion pack. I for one say THANK YOU!

So I give two thumbs up to the GAA Gala 2014 and all of the fabulous performance queens, transsexuals, and drag queens for putting the time and effort that you do into the looks and product you put forth. Great job. I look forward to this next year of fabulous looks and next years awards.

Until then thank you and good day.

This has been a Public Service Read to those who need to learn how to dress to a awards ceremony and



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Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Natasha Sinclair & Lauren Brown



Shayla Scallan

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**Tommy Elias accepts 27th Lifetime Achievement Award**



**Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Corner Pocket**



**VIP Table: Larry Anderson & Michael Boulas**



**Top 5 Bartender of the Year Finalist Wayne Penton & Top 5 Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year Finalist Lords of Leather's Jason Ashford**



**Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar**



**Entertainer of the Year 2013 Monique Michaels does Whitney**



**VIP Table: Home of SD-The Golden Lantern, Top 5 Show Club of the Year & Neighborhood Bar of the Year Finalists**



**Philip Palumbo & Top 5 Transgender of the Year Finalist Adrian Claveria**



**Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Golden Lantern**



**Honoree Tommy Elias with 20-year partner Carl Geleno & brother Michael Elias**



**VIP Table: Quartermaster**



**GAA's Rip Naquin & Marsha Delain with Oz GM Greg Jones**



**Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Oz**



**VIP Table: Frank Perez & Paul Cassella**



**VIP Table: Easter Grand Marshal XV & Top 5 Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year Satyricon's Todd Blauvelt**



**Jeffrey Wilkes, Coca Mesa & Ambush fashion columnist Johnny Joseph Delgadillo**



**SDGM XL Aubrey Synclair represents Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Bourbon Pub & Parade**



**VIP Table: The Corner Pocket**



**Leather Bar of the Year Winner-Phoenix's Clint with Top 5 Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year Finalist Petronius' C. Alice & Mr. Big Easy Leather ADKus**



**Top 5 Dance Club of the Year Finalist The Corner Pocket**

27th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala Honors Tommy Elias with the Lifetime Achievement Award @ Oz ~ Photos by Hubert S Monkeys, Darwin Reed





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