



Board of Directors Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Lisa Beaumann, Rip Naquin and Marsha Delain present the 27th Lifetime Achievement Award to Tommy Elias (center) bringing the 27th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala to a close at Oz New Orleans. Elias' dedication to the area community for over 20 years led to his selection. One hundred per cent of the evening's proceeds totalling \$2,622 was raised for Southern Decadence 2014 benefiting PFLAG New Orleans, earning the GAA a Southern Decadence Platinum Sponsorship. VIP Table sales raised \$1,200, the door \$1,215, and stage performance tips \$207. **Ambush Mag** is the proud sponsor of the awards which thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community who are often not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. Additional awards in 21 categories, voted on by the readership of **Ambush Mag**, were also presented at the gala. Since 1997, the GAAGala has raised a whopping \$51,731 for charity. (www.AmbushMag.com/GAA) (Photo by Darwin Reed)



Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XL Aubrey Synclaire and Chad Boutte, representing Southern Decadence 2014, presented both the Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year award to the Krewe of Amon-Ra and Circuit Party/Event of the Year award to SD 2013 at the 27th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala hosted at Oz New Orleans. (Photo by Darwin Reed)



New Orleans own Gia GiaVanni won the Miss Gay Mississippi America pageant, with M'shay Victoria Foster taking 1st Alternate, and Venus Monroe 2nd Alternate. (Photo by Lance Schlosser)



B-Bob's show director Miss Cie welcomes Colt Studio's superstar Seth Fornea to the 6th annual Bleather Weekend in Mobile, Alabama.



New Mr. Phoenix Leather Matthew Birkhoff of Bourbon Pub & Parade fame is congratulated by 2013 Mr. Phoenix Leather Danny Kilbourn following stiff competition at The Phoenix in New Orleans. (Photo by Paul Melancon)



Renegade Bears of Louisiana welcome guests to Steak Night at GrandPre's in New Orleans. (Photo by Paul Melancon)



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The Smatch Game hosted by Lesbian of the Year Misti Ates was a hilarious evening as celebrities portrayed other celebrities bringing in \$802 for Southern Decadence 2014 benefiting PFLAG New Orleans at AllWays Lounge, earning AllWays a Southern Decadence Silver Sponsorship. (Photo by Hubert S Monkeys)



Helene Berot, Persana Shoulders, Southern Decadence Grand Marshal XL Chad Boutte, Rikki Redd and Golden Lantern's James Garner helped raise \$133 for Southern Decadence 2014 at Voodoo Bar in New Orleans benefiting PFLAG NOLA. (Photo by Steven Mora)



Special guests Kookie Baker, and Mona Del Rose join bar baron Tip Varnadore, aka Electra City, for Johnny Passion's La Familia hosted at Neighborhood Bar of the Year Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar in Metairie. (Photo by Kurt Hebert)



GM Eric Kuzminski and bartender Jacob Duplantis welcome the Red Carpet Celebrity Bar Crawl to Rainbow Room right on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. (Photo by Paul Melancon)



Lafayette's Santana Pilar Andrews won the Miss Gay Louisiana America Pageant at Splash in Baton Rouge. (Photo by Hubert S Monkeys)



Thousands hit Bourbon Street for the 20th annual Red Dress Run spreading across the French Quarter and beyond. (Photo by Rip Naquin)

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SDGMs XL Chad Boutte, Reba Douglas & Aubrey Synclaire, Official Home of Southern Decadence: The Golden Lantern

Sunday, August 31st...
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 4ish pm, 21st Annual Official Southern Decadence Bead Toss led by SDGMs XL Chad Boutte, Reba Douglas & Aubrey Synclaire, hosted by Rip & Marsha, sponsored **Ambush Mag** & www.SouthernDecadence.COM, **Ambush** Mansion Balcony, 828 Bourbon St.
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Ambush Mag Brings 22 Winners to the Stage for 27th GAA Gala @ Oz; \$2,622 Raised for SD

All roads led to the 27th Annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Gala hosted at Oz New Orleans August 2nd. Presented by **Ambush Mag**, the festive evening was emceed by GAA Boards Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx. (www.AmbushMag.com/GAA)
 One hundred per cent of the evening's proceeds totalling \$2,622 was raised for Southern Decadence 2014 benefiting PFLAG-New Orleans, earning the GAA a Southern Decadence Platinum Sponsorship. Since 1997, the GAA Gala has raised a whopping \$51,731 for charity.

The whole evening was in honor of Tommy Elias who received the prestigious 27th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented by the GAA Board, his acceptance speech was a moving rendition of his over 20 years in New Orleans society with special thanks to his partner of 20 years Carl Geleno.

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The Top 5 Finalist were announced in each of 21 categories, voted on by the Gulf South readership of **Ambush Mag**, and then the winner in that category. It was exciting with many new winners, and some repeating winners. Award winners included:

- Circuit Party/Event of the Year: Southern Decadence 2013,
- Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra
- Hair Salon of the Year: Fee & Art's Revival Studio
- Neighborhood Bar of the Year: Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar
- Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award [organization/individual doing outstanding

service in the AIDS arena]: NO/AIDS Task Force

- Bitch of the Year: Princesse Stephaniey
- Show Club of the Year: Oz
- Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award [play, chorus or theatrical group/no individuals]: New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus
- Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year: Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli
- Dance Club of the Year: Oz
- Bartender of the Year: Ashlee Logan/The Corner Pocket
- DJ of the Year: Jonathan "JRB" Reed
- Leather Bar of the Year: Phoenix
- Cheridon Comedy Award: Persana Shoulders
- Fly Fashion Glamour Award: Aubrey Synclaire



Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Tommy Elias (Photo by Rip Naquin)

- LGBT Business of the Year [no bars/restaurants/delis/hair salons]: Crescent City Tour Booking Agency
- Leather Person of the Year: ADKus Supps
- Transgender of the Year: Chi-Chi Rodriguez
- Lesbian of the Year: Misti Ates
- Gay Man of the Year: Tommy Elias
- Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year: [female/male impersonator/drag star or entertainer]: Gia GiaVanni

The production presentations by each of the Top 5 Show Club of the Year Finalist Bourbon Pub & Parade, Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, Golden Lantern, and Oz were incredible. And last year's Entertainer of the Year Monique Michaels was a show stopper with her rendition of Whitney Houston.

Special thanks to the VIP Table donors: Frank Perez and Paul Cassella, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, The Corner Pocket, Todd Blauvelt, Larry Anderson and Michael Boulas, and The Golden Lantern raising \$1,200 for the gala. The door brought \$1,215, and

stage performance tips \$207, for a grand total of \$2,622.

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients include Jimmie Callaway, the late Dan Fountain (Betty Buttons), the late Andy Boudreaux, the late William "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, the late Dixie Fasnacht, the late Alice Brady and the late John Dodt, Gene Adams, the late Charlene Schneider, the late Steve Mettner, Marty Curtin & Koo Gaffney, the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James, the late Kitty Blackwell, Michael "Fish" Hickerson, the late Marcy Marcell, Mary L. Lathouwers, Don Evans, Jean Redmann, Chuck Turner and Bill Miller, Regina Adams, and Mina Hernandez.

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22nd Oh What A Drag @ Bourbon Pub & Parade Aug. 18

The 22nd Annual Oh What A Drag turnabout show is set for Monday, August 18th, 9pm, at Bourbon Pub & Parade, 801 Bourbon Street. This year's theme is "Studio69-A Night at the Disco: A Night of Transformation" benefiting Food For Friends.

Emceed by Southern Decadence Grand Marshal XL Aubrey Synclaire and Miss Gay Vieux Carre America Lady Danisha Andrews, you will see your fav employees, bartenders and performers on stage. There's also a live and silent auction, and 50/50 raffle.

Mr. Gay USA Damien Rodgers heads to Rome for 6th Mr. Gay World

New York, NY - This year's Mr. Gay USA winner Damien Rodgers is preparing to travel to the 'eternal city' of Europe, there to compete with delegates from 31 other countries in the sixth annual Mr. Gay World competition, August 24 - 31.

Mr. Gay World is a global competition created to inspire and empower gay men to come together in a public performance that shows the world that being gay encompasses a broad spectrum. In addition to showcasing inward beauty, physical appearance, leadership, and confidence, Mr. Gay World helps to bring the experiences of these international young men into the public's eyes, and reminds us all that - in many

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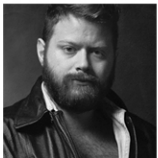
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regions of our world - being gay is still a challenge and a fight for basic human rights.

By seeking the Mr. Gay World title, Rodgers wants to become a global ambassador for LGBT rights. Already an active voice for the LGBT community and HIV awareness here in the United States, the 2014 Mr. Gay USA winner hopes to join the previous world title holders from Ireland, South Africa, and New Zealand as role models for young gay men everywhere. "My ultimate goal is to add LGBT+ history and information into the educational system for the advancement and understanding of the community as a whole," says Rodgers. "I want to match available resources with the needs in the global community, and make sure that my LGBT brothers and sisters don't have



to hide in the shadows and fear for their lives just to be who they are."

This year the following countries are taking part: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Syria, United Kingdom, USA, and Venezuela.

Some of the challenges the competing delegates will face are a written test, a photo session, a sports challenge, a swimwear competition, an online popular vote, an art challenge, a speech, and a strenuous 'job interview,' all in front of seven judges from around the world.

This year's Mr. Gay World events are being hosted in Rome, Italy by Gay Village, the city's biggest and longest-running LGBT culture and entertainment organization. "Our 13-year experience in entertaining people and smiling all the way through the fight for our rights will surprise the delegates in a positive way and make them proud," Gaia Logan, Executive Producer of Mr. Gay World 2014 states. "We are sure their days with us will be the best time they can have in Rome and we will do our best to make this happen."

Damien Rodgers is currently seeking corporate sponsorship for his participation in the international competition and - if his bid to win is successful - for his year as Mr. Gay World.

You can follow Rodgers' journey

through the competition on Twitter and Instagram @damiendrogers - and you can vote for him on the official Mr. Gay World website at www.mrgayworld.com/vote.

Decadent Ducks Raise Funds for HIV/ AIDS Organization Food For Friends

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen! May I direct your attention to the center ring?

The Decadent Ducks will return to the French Quarter over Southern Decadence weekend for their 17th year of revelry. The Ducks, led by "Ringmaster" Troy Richardson, comprise a LGBT travel and social network with over 3,000 members internationally - 450 of them coming to Decadence this year.

Again this year, Decadent Ducks will hold a series of raffle drawings to benefit the Food For Friends Program of NO/AIDS Task Force. Food For Friends has been supplying groceries and home-delivered meals to HIV-infected and -affected individuals in the greater New Orleans area for over 16 years.

Decadent Ducks donates 100% of the proceeds from these raffles to Food For Friends. It's the Ducks' way of thanking the people of New Orleans for its generous hospitality. Last year, the generosity of Ducks raised over \$10,000, setting a new record for the group. Decadent Ducks have raised over \$25,000 for the charity since starting fundraising in 2009.

"The people of New Orleans have always welcomed us with open arms and treated us well," Richardson explains. "I can't stress enough how important that is, especially in this day and age, when the gay community seems to be under attack so often. That means a lot. We're very grateful to this wonderful city, and very pleased for the opportunity to give something back."

Among the many prizes this year are two round-trip airfare tickets, courtesy of corporate sponsor Southwest Airlines, and free nights accommodations at many hotels and inns that have donated across the country such as The Grand Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale. Advance purchase raffle tickets are 10 for \$20 and may be purchased on the Decadent Ducks website at www.DecadentDucks-NewOrleans.com.

More than just a travel group, the Decadent Ducks have evolved into a close network of friends from all over the world, and they credit New Orleans for fostering and inspiring their spirit of camaraderie and friendship. Returning members enjoy the occasion to reunite, and new members appreciate the efforts made to welcome them into

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