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Great Gift Ideas for the Holidays

The annual Holiday Shopping, Restaurant Guide edition of **Ambush** gives you many ideas for gift giving this holiday season. There are many specialty shops and boutiques throughout the Gulf South area which cater to the GLBT community in this edition. You will also find ads for bookstores, hair salons, pets, photography and restaurants. If you can't find that perfect gift at the shops, boutiques or bookstores, why not purchase a gift card or certificate from one of the hair salons or restaurants featured in this edition. Another great idea is a photo shoot from your favorite photographer. Or you may want to purchase tickets as a gift to that play you simply adore. And don't forget, there's Art Against AIDS at the Ritz Carlton on Dec. 9 at 8pm, the Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association Holiday Sidewalk Sale Dec. 9 from 11am-4pm at Cowpokes, or Satyricon's Christmas Auction and Buffet Dec. 10 from noon-5pm at The Friendly Bar. Gifts abound this season.

For a recommended list of venues, please see the **Classified** section in **Expose** under Bookstores, Florists, Furniture, Galleries, Gardening, Pets, Photography, Restaurant, Retail/Shopping, Spas, Theatres and Tattoos/Piercings. Please consider shopping at all of our gay and gay friendly businesses first. Keep the dollars in our community.

9th Staying Alive HIV+ Leadership Development Summit Dec. 6-10

The time has finally come! The National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA-US), along with its partners NMAC, The AIDS Institute and TIICANN invites you to participate in the highly anticipated and consistently edifying 9th Annual Staying Alive HIV+ Leadership Development Summit. Staying Alive 06: Access Matters Summit will be held from Dec. 6 - 10 in New Orleans. The Summit will be held at the New Orleans Marriott and at the Convention Center.

"Now more than ever, access to quality comprehensive care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS is being threatened. Staying Alive Access Matters Summit will be an opportunity for us and our allies to strategize on these issues and influence the development of policy initiatives that will protect and increase access to care. We are pleased to bring this Summit to the city of New Orleans to contribute to the rebuilding of the city and be inspired by the spirit of its people as we celebrate life and commemorate loss.

Staying Alive Access Matters Summit will consist of a series of day-long skills-building institutes as well as workshops designed to educate the community on the various issues that affect access to medical care.

Topics covered will include: Visible Positive Leadership National HIV Testing Day Women & HIV HIV and Immigration Issues Access-to-Care Policy Treatment Education Our goal this year is to bring together over 400 of the nation's influential HIV-positive leaders to discuss, strategize, and advance the cause of ensuring access to care and treatment and a productive quality of life for all persons living with HIV or AIDS in the United States of America. We can succeed with your help! Your word-of-mouth promotion and your organization's commitment to financially support sending local HIV-positive leaders will help create a diversity of representation in terms of geography, affiliation, and demographics. For more than twenty years, NAPWA has been the leading voice for people living with AIDS across

the country and around the world. Now, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure our united voice is heard as we demand for the comprehensive, quality care that we deserve."

For more information on registration, go to www.napwa.org or contact Ca'Tina Perkins-Gibson at 240.247.0880. Join us and let your voice be heard in New Orleans this December!

Live Auction & Raffle Benefits New Orleans Ballet Association Dec. 7

New Orleans - Weinstein's, Inc., uptown's upscale women's designer clothing store, and Bottega Veneta, a leader in luxury fashion, are donating 8 exquisitely crafted Italian Bottega Veneta handbags, 7 of which will be auctioned live at a special event hosted by Weinstein's on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 5pm - 8pm to benefit the New Orleans Ballet Association. One Bottega Veneta Woven Double Handle Tote valued at \$3,000 will be raffled off at 7pm the same evening.

"Katrina has impaired all of New Orleans and has greatly challenged the arts in the area. While we were in New York on a Bottega Veneta appointment, the prestigious company expressed their wishes to help New Orleans somehow. By partnering in this endeavor, Weinstein's and Bottega decided to fundraise and donate all proceeds to New Orleans Bal-

let Association to help support all NOBA's community efforts from staging world-class dance to providing arts education and youth development across the city," comments Rosalyn Weinstein and Bonnie Wilson, owners of Weinstein's Inc.

To obtain raffle tickets at \$20 each, visit Weinstein's at 4011 Magazine Street or call New Orleans Ballet Association at 504.522.0996.

This upscale women's designer clothing store features Dries Van Noten, Rick Owens, Piazza Sempione, Bottega Veneta, Stella McCartney and 10,000 Things jewelry. Hours of operation: M-Sa.10-6pm.

New Orleans Ballet Association | NOBA is the Central Gulf region's premiere presenting and service organization dedicated solely to dance. Incorporated in 1969, NOBA has been serving and helping to advance the dance field for more than 35 years with a mission to cultivate understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of dance by presenting performances of world-class dance companies and artists and providing 2,500 concerts, lecture/demonstrations, workshops and classes for the community throughout the year. Visit www.nobadance.com for additional information.

Casting Call for Sympathetic Magic Dec. 7 & 10

To Do Productions announces a casting call for Lanford Wilson's **Sympathetic Magic**. Needed are 3 males 30-35, 1 male late 30's, 1 male 60's, 1 female early 20's, one female 30-35, 1 female 50's. The play will run Jan. 26 through Feb. 10 at The Marigny Theatre, 1030 Marigny Street. The play will be directed by Don McDonald. All roles are compensated. Auditions will be at the theater on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7pm and Saturday Dec. 10 at 2pm. For further information please call Don McDonald at 504.436.3595 or Donald James at 504.948.9608.

20th Annual Art Against AIDS Dec. 9

Saturday, Dec. 9, NO/AIDS Task Force presents the 20th annual Art Against AIDS art auction and holiday gala at the Ritz Carlton New Orleans.

This year's milestone event will continue to feature a silent auction with works by locally and nationally acclaimed artists and items and gift certificates from area merchants. School children will be creating magnets and other works of art for our retail space. Some of the area's finest

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restaurants and caterers will be serving delectable delights and RAIN Vodka and Abita Beer will be flowing freely.

In addition to the silent auction, Art Against AIDS 2006 will feature a small live auction to be held during the event with a few selected showcase pieces of artwork.

Tickets to the event, which runs from 8pm to midnight are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 504.821.2601, or in person at 2601 Tulane Avenue, 5th floor or Hazelnut at 5515 Magazine Street. Tickets are also available at the door at the same price.

Troy Carter Endorses Karen Carter in Runoff Election Set for Dec. 9

Former State Representative and New Orleans City Councilman Troy Carter endorsed

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