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Ambush's Toni Pizanie Among Honorees for Community Center's Founders Day Celebration Dec. 12

The LGBT Community Center of New Orleans will host its annual Founders Day Celebration on Friday, December 12, 7:30pm, upstairs at JohnPaul's, 940 Elysian Fields. Traditionally, Founders Day or "12/12," is recognized as the day, back in 1993, when the LGBT Community Center first opened its doors down on Rampart Street. This year celebrates the sixteenth year that the LGBT Community Center has been open and serving not only the LGBT community, but the entire New Orleans community.

Also, on December 12, 1991, the City of New Orleans Human Rights Ordinance was passed. This ordinance was significant due to it including "gays and lesbians" in the group of peoples whom the city deemed in deserving equal rights and non-discrimination. Later, in 1998, the city of New Orleans finally came around in extending equal right to "transgendered" peoples under this ordinance.

In 2007, LGBT in New Orleans historian Roberts Batson, while serving on the Board of Directors of the Community Center, suggested an event in honoring this historical date for all LGBT persons. A need was felt in honoring some of the amazing people who worked so hard to make sure that the Community Center not only kept its doors open, but thrived as a part of the soul of the city. The Center also wanted to recognize people who worked hard everyday to ensure that the rights given to the LGBT community during that groundbreaking time are never taken away. The "Founders Day Award" was born! The first to receive this award for the amazing work that they performed on behalf of all LGBT persons were Steward Butler and partner Alfred Doolittle, and Norma Kearby and partner Betty Caldwell.

This year, the Board of Directors of the LGBT Community Center of New Orleans has decided to increase the amount of awards given due to so many amazing people coming together and working to ensure the rights given to the LGBT Community. On December 12, five different awards will be given including

Founders Day Award – Laurence Best

Media Award – Steven Forster

Medical Award – Dr. Coleman Pratt

Business Award – American Aquatic Gardens/Richard Sasher

Lifetime Achievement Award – Toni Pizanie

Please join the LGBT Community Center of New Orleans and its Board of Directors to celebrate this momentous day in its history and give recognition to members of the community who have strived so hard in the past to get us to where we are today.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25 and \$20 for paid members of the LGBT Community Center of New Orleans. There will be free food, cash bar and a champagne toast. Then stick around after the awards are presented to enjoy Marcy Marcell's Golden Age Revue downstairs at JohnPauls.

For more information go to lgbtcno.org or contact the center at 504.945.1103.

Ambush Mag is proud to be one of the Founders of the LGBT Community Center.

New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus presents *Greetings of the Season* Dec. 18 & 19

The New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus (NOGMC) will perform their 27th annual holiday concert, *Greetings of the Season*, December 18th and 19th. Music for the concert includes some familiar carols and tunes and, as is now expected from NOGMC, some less familiar songs written about our lives. The familiar includes a suite of five early American Appalachian Carols and new arrangements of *Silent Night* and *Angels We Have Heard on High* in close harmony. Less familiar pieces include the haunting *O Lux Beatissima* and the tongue-in-cheek *The Longest Christ-*

mas Dinner, a Bach-like take on fairly dysfunctional family dinners.

Now in its 27th season, NOGMC rehearses and performs in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Supporting and supported by individuals and community organizations across southeastern Louisiana, NOGMC is becoming the regional artistic voice of the LGBT community. NOGMC annually supports and provides community events to benefit local charities. Since Hurricane Katrina, NOGMC has raised money and food at their annual holiday concerts in New Orleans and Baton Rouge to benefit Food for Friends and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, respectively. In four years, NOGMC has raised and donated over \$4,000 and collected almost 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items for the two groups. NOGMC will continue their tradition this year by collecting non-perishable foods and donating the proceeds of their raffle to the two groups.

Greetings of the Season will take place in New Orleans at the Recital Hall of UNO's Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 18, at 7:30pm and at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge on Saturday, December 19, at 7:30pm. Starting November 1, tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 through NOGMC's website at www.nogmc.com, from any NOGMC member or by calling 504.322.7007 for New Orleans tickets or 225.387.4281 for Baton Rouge tickets. Tickets will also be available for \$18 at the door. These programs are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, and by a Community Arts Grant made possible by the City of New Orleans, both as administered by the Arts Council of New Orleans.

Satyricon's Annual Christmas Buffet & Auction

The Mystic Krewe of Satyricon will hold its annual Christmas Buffet and Auction on Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 5pm in the Annex of the Friendly Bar, 2301 Chartres St., corner of Chartres and Marigny Streets. Admission is free and open to the public. The all-you-can-eat buffet is only \$10.

A large variety of jewelry, antiques, Mardi Gras memorabilia and unique Christmas gifts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder by celebrity auctioneers Becky Allen and Brian Peterson. For more information, please call 504.525.4498.

Pride Celebration for New Orleans in Planning Stages for Oct. 9 & 10, 2010, Meeting Set for Dec. 16

The LGBT Community Center of New Orleans will host the next Pride organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 6pm at the Center, 2114 Decatur Street. The Center is asking all organizations and individuals interested in creating a Pride celebration for New Orleans to attend. Various committees will be set up to produce the event, so lend your talents to make Pride a reality once again in the Crescent City.

The celebration is planned for the weekend of October 9 and 10, 2010.

Visions of Excellence Exhibit at the Cabildo

New Orleans – "Visions of Excellence," a collection of 53 extraordinary images by photojournalists around the world is now at the Louisiana State Museum's Arsenal Gallery at the Cabildo, Jackson Square running through March 3, 2010.

A focal point of PhotoNOLA, a citywide celebration of photography presented each December by the nonprofit New Orleans Photo Alliance, *Visions of Excellence* presents an extreme wide-angle view of world events with images of war, catastrophe, politics, sports, the arts, entertainment, nature, and daily life.

The photos were selected from more than 40,000 submissions to the

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66th Annual Pictures of the Year International competition. An exhibition from the 2008 competition was shown at the Cabildo last year.



Running From Gas by Emilio Morenatti
in Visions of Excellence at the Cabildo

"We're delighted to host *Visions of Excellence* for the second consecutive year," said Sam Rykels, assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and director of the Louisiana State Museum. "This is a great opportunity for the community to see great photography in the best possible way – through a collection of large, masterfully printed images displayed in one of New Orleans most historic settings.

For more information on hours and admissions, visit ism.crt.state.la.us.

49th Petronius Ball to Feature Jason & deMarco

The Krewe of Petronius is proud to announce that Jason & deMarco of Showtimes *We're All Angels* will entertain at this year's 49th annual Bal Masque entitled *The Out of Frame and off the Wall Ball*. The ball will be held Sunday January 24, 2010 at 7pm. at the

Laborers Union Hall. Limited tickets will be available at Kreweofpetronius.org.

Jason & deMarco are independent artists and songwriters who have spent the last seven years touring the U.S. and abroad performing over 100 concerts per year. Their music focuses on every day challenges, relationships, and the kind of struggles that we all identify with; yet they have the courage to write from a personal place, unapologetic and proud of whom they are, without compromising their principals. Jason & deMarco and their band have

created their own signature sound combining their haunting melodies and breath-taking harmonies with strummy guitar acoustic pop/folk arrangements of covers as well as their original hit songs. Together, Jason & deMarco's vocal harmo-

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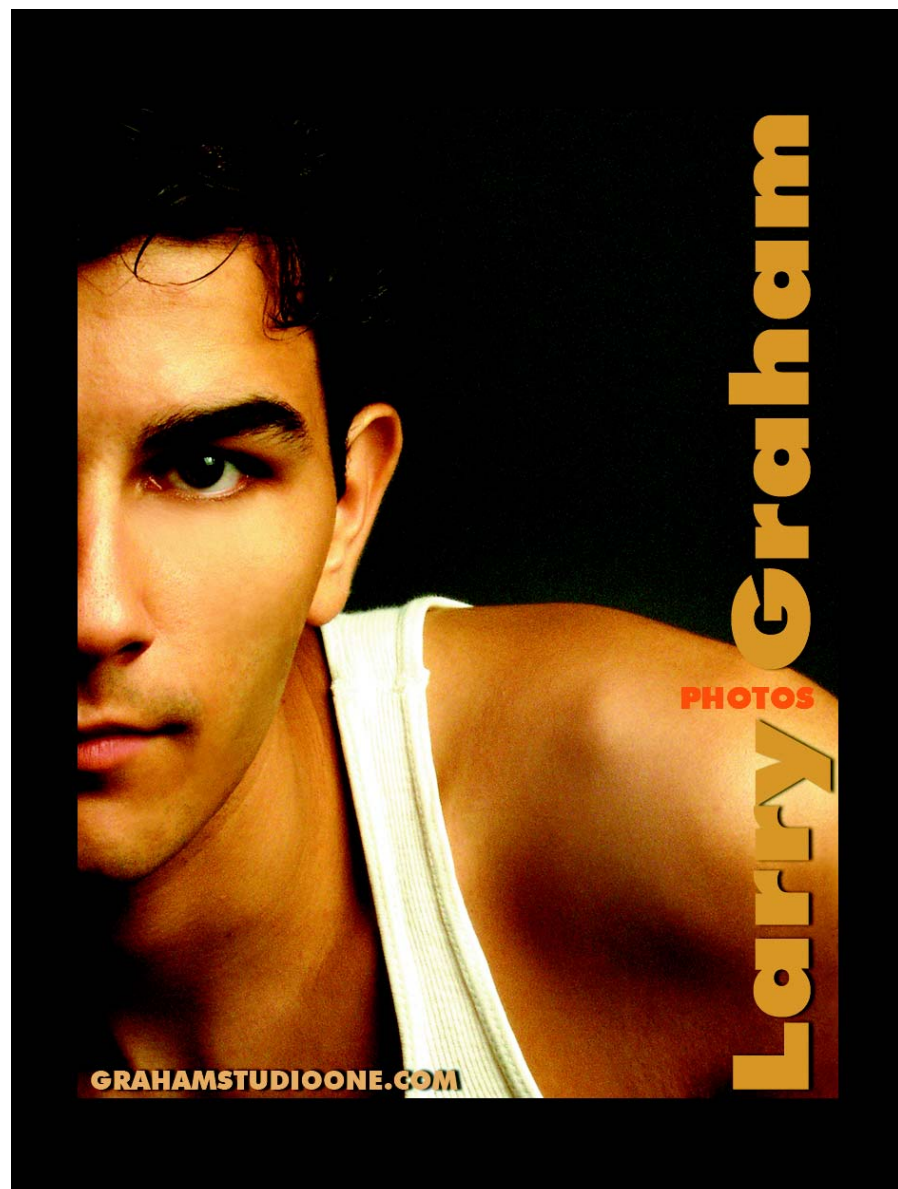
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