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## Christmas, New Year's

### Celebrating LGBT+ Life, Music & Culture!

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st 2014**

# NEW YEAR'S EVE

*At New Orleans' #1 Gay Dance Club*

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NYE

WHERE THE BOYS ARE DANCIN' NIGHTLY ON THE BAR! - 9PM - UNTIL ...

# TWO GREAT HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE CORNER POCKET WITH THE CORNER POCKET BOYS

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Sunday December 21st at 8pm  
with

A SPECIAL  
CHRISTMAS SHOW

starring  
LISA BEAUMANN  
BARRY BAREASS

and  
THE CORNER  
POCKET BOYS

with special  
guest  
performer  
Klorrox  
Bleachman

AND OUR GIANT  
NEW YEAR'S 2015  
CELEBRATION

WITH OUR BOYS DANCIN' ON THE BAR  
WEDNESDAY THRU SUNDAY

DEC. 31ST - JAN. 4TH

... 6 PM UNTIL ...

AND JOIN US FOR OUR  
EXCITING SEXY  
NEW YEAR'S  
EVE PARTY

WED, DEC. 31st at 10PM

PARTY FAVORS, CHAMPAGNE &  
SURPRISES FOR ALL



## The Corner Pocket

Celebrating Over 32 Years  
of Boys On The Bar!

THURSDAYS @ 9PM - THE BOYS DANCE TO THE SEXY SOUNDS OF DJ DOM

FRIDAYS @ 10PM - LISA BEAUMANN HOSTS THE NEW MEAT AMATEUR DANCE CONTEST - \$100 CASH PRIZE

SATURDAYS @ 10 PM - ALL BOY REVUE WITH 15 BOYS DANCING 'TIL DAWN

SUNDAYS @ 6PM - ZINGO! FOLLOWED BY BARRY BAREASS' BOY DANCE CONTEST - \$50 CASH PRIZE

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## the "official" dish

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### New Year's Eve

Happy Holidays from the entire staff at **Ambush Magazine**. May you and yours have the best season yet.

What better way to ring in the New Year than at your favorite hot spot in the Gulf South. There are big name DJs, shows, prize balloon drops, party favors, champagne and more. You are sure to find the right place for you as you flip through this issue with some 40 pages of only the best action the community has to offer. It's a time to celebrate with old friends and new. After all 2015 is a whole new LGBT+ year!

### "I'm History-She's Not!"

While watching **CBS Sunday Morning**, an interview with American Ballet Theatre's only African-American soloist Misty Copeland was an eye-opening look into the world of ballet. This week Copeland appears at the Brooklyn Academy of Music as the lead in "The Nutcracker" Ballet.

In the interview, the first African American to dance full-time in Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo during the 1950s, Raven Wilkinson was also featured. In 1961 she left the country and went to Holland after racial threats in the South.

What Wilkinson said, really resonated with both of us. In an Amtrak photo shoot with both, Wilkinson said, "Why are they getting all those cameras out? And then I realized it's a very special moment. So it's kind of historic. We're history. Well, *I'm* history — *she's* not!" Raven laughed -- [www.cbsnews.com/news/misty-copeland-still-proving-herself/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/misty-copeland-still-proving-herself/).

As vintage members of the LGBT+ community, we are *our* history, and those coming up in the ranks *are* not. They are *our* future. Hopefully, the many roads paved by those in the vintage ranks will encourage



Misty Copeland  
Photo: [npr.org](http://npr.org)



Raven Wilkinson

the younger *sect* to carry on in our fight for total equality. In 1974, we could have never dreamed of being legally married, and did so on our 40th anniversary in 2013 in NYC. No, we could, and still cannot marry in Louisiana, but now we can in some 35 other states. There is still hope, and we are depending on today's LGBT+ youth to succeed. One of the best ways to change the future is to register and vote in every election. *Our* future rights are in *your* hands.

### Winter Wonderland raises \$5,615 for Food For Friends

Congratulations are definitely in order for Johnny Passion's 4th Annual Winter Wonderland extravaganza which raised a whopping \$5,615 after expenses for NO/AIDS Task Force Food For Friends program. **Ambush Magazine** was happy to once again sponsor this fun-filled evening with a VIP dinner, music, auction, raffles, and variety drag show, this year at Cafe Istanbul. Over the past four years \$10,653 has been raised for charity.

One of the highlights of the evening was when Lesbian of the Year Misti Ates (Johnny Passion) and partner Catherine Gaither presented the 1st ICON Tribute Honor to Lady Magic, Necha Benoit, for her many years of service to the LGBT community. Another highlight was when A\*MED Ambulance donated a vehicle in memory of family member Donald Jaeger to Food For Friends to help with their meal deliveries to those in need.

The complete financial report follows:  
\$4,850 VIP tickets 97 @ \$50  
\$1,023 Auction  
\$319 Tips  
\$100 Dana Lynn Dufrene  
\$340 Door 34 @ \$10  
\$6,532 Total Collected

Food @ \$350  
Café rental @ \$200  
Award @ \$54  
Decorations/favors/dinner supplies @ \$413  
**Expenses: \$1,017**

**\$5,615.00** Total Donated  
Special thanks to all the businesses,

entertainers, and all who made this feat a success.

### Aubrey Synclaire Dazzles in Larry Graham Portrait Shoot

The Official Photographer of the King Cake Queens of Gay Mardi Gras, Larry Graham did a superb job in a dazzling portrait shoot of King Cake Queen XXII-Elect Aubrey Synclaire. Reigning as "Queen of the Opera" in 2015, Graham captured the essence of the Krewe of Queenateenas "Vienna: Beautiful, Gay & Gemuthlich." ([www.GrahamStudioOne.com](http://www.GrahamStudioOne.com))

Graham shot two pre-coronation portraits, and two coronation portraits. The first pre-coronation is featured here, where as the second one is in Celebrazzi on page 18. While both are exquisite, the second one which we refer to as the "Marie Antoinette" pose, is our favorite on the Celebrazzi page.



King Cake Queen XXII-Elect  
Aubrey Synclaire  
Official Pre-Coronation Portrait  
by Larry Graham

The stunning official coronation portraits will not be unveiled until the evening of the 22nd King Cake Queen of Gay Mardi Gras Coronation at the Ambush Mansion on January 18, 2015 (by invitation only).

Carnival season will culminate with the 28th Official Gay Mardi Gras Bead Toss on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 led by King Cake Queen XXII Aubrey Synclaire. ([www.GayMardiGras.com/KCQ](http://www.GayMardiGras.com/KCQ))

### Customer Appreciation Christmas Parties Kick-off the Holidays

Nothing says Happy Holidays like the customer appreciation Christmas parties hosted by many of the establishments serving the LGBT+ community. As of press time, we have several big events scheduled.

Let's begin on Tuesday, Dec. 16th in New Orleans as GrandPre's celebrates it's 1st Annual Family Christmas Party from 8-10pm. The staff turn-about show with an all-star showcase is set for 9pm with all proceeds benefiting the 16th Gay Easter Parade.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17th the annual Oz Christmas Party kicks off from 8-10pm with complimentary cocktails and delicious food at 800 Bourbon Street. Admittance is an unwrapped toy for an underprivileged child. And at 10:30pm is there always festive Christmas Spectacular starring the Ladies of Oz showing you why they win Show Club of the Year practically every year!

Also on Dec. 17th at 7:30pm is the annual Double Play Christmas Party featuring one of their famous holiday buffets at 439 Dauphine Street.

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It's off to Metairie on Thursday, Dec. 18th for the famous Four Seasons Christmas Party at 8pm.

And it's a new beginning at the all new Voodoo Lounge bringing you Drew's First Annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 18th at 10pm.

Head over to Good Friends Bar on Saturday, Dec. 20th for the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest at 9pm. Winner gets a \$50 bar tab.

Also on Dec. 20th is The Golden

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