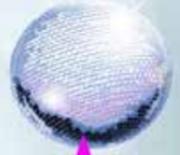


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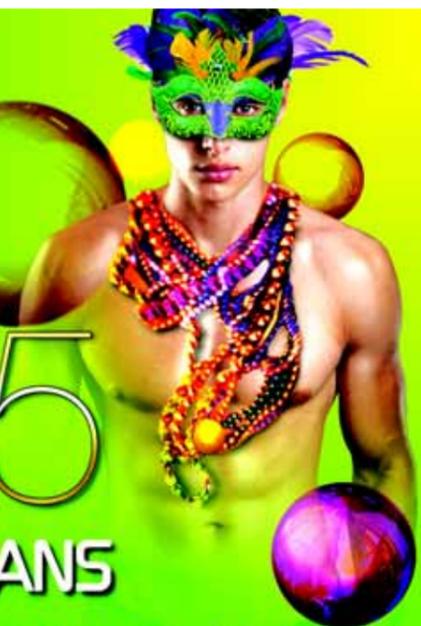
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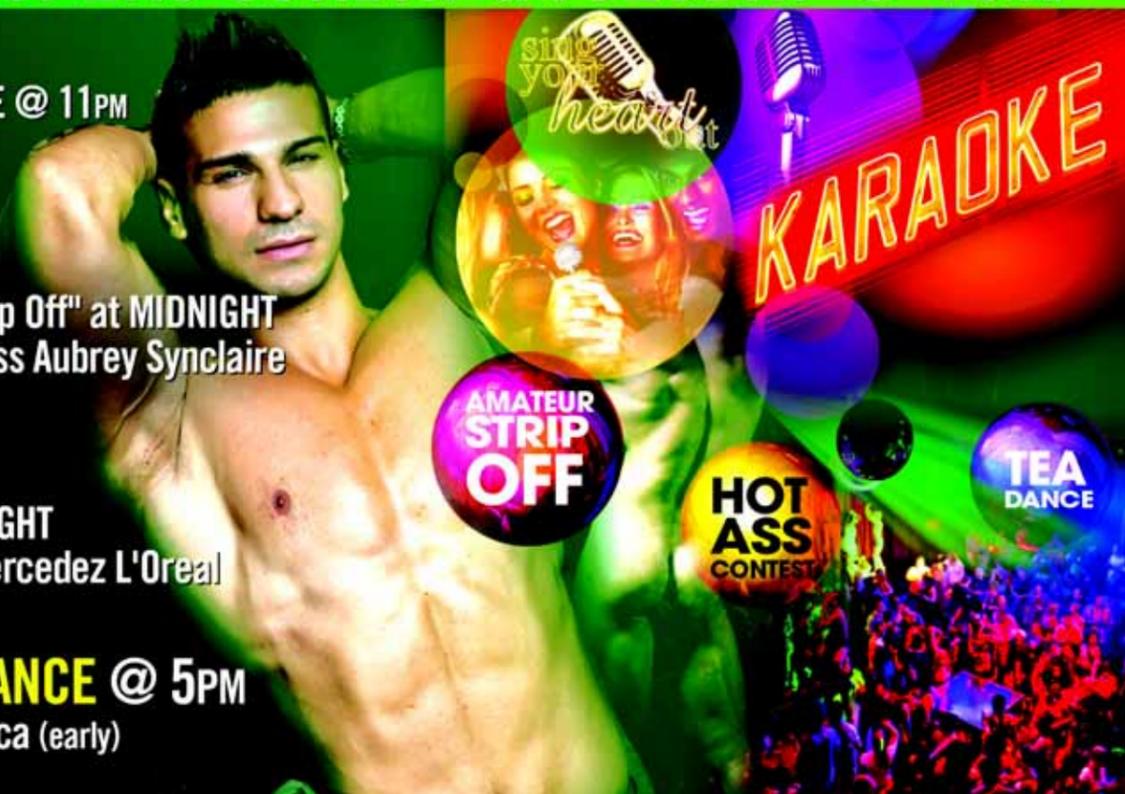
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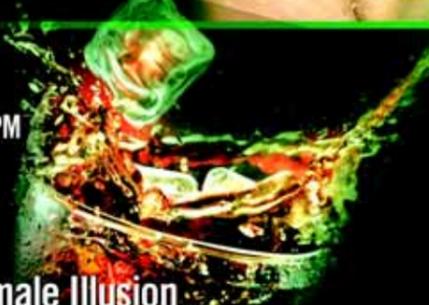


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## spotlight feature

### Misti Ates & Deja Deja-Vue' Chosen Easter Grand Marshals XVI; The Excitement Begins for 16th Gay Easter Parade Season

The excitement begins with the announcement of Misti Ates, aka Johnny Passion, and Deja Deja-Vue' as Easter Grand Marshals XVI. Chosen unanimously by the GEP Board of Directors, the duo will lead the 16th Gay Easter Parade on Sunday, April 5 through the streets of the historic French Quarter. The parade minus expenses benefits Food For Friends, a vital service of NO/AIDS Task Force. For the past 13 years, the parade has raised over \$202,414 for charity.

The new grand marshals have been avid supporters of the fundraisers leading up to the parade, and riding in the parade itself, the only two requirements for selection.

Sponsored by *Ambush Magazine*, the parade showcases the fashion and creativity of the entire LGBT community with gentlemen in summer suits/tux with hats, and ladies in Easter suits/dresses with Easter hats.

The parade is already off to a good start with a Platinum \$1,000 sponsorship from EGM XV Todd Blauvelt, Silver \$250 sponsorship from EGM XIII Darwin Reed and EGM VII Opal Masters, and Bronze \$100 sponsorship from Paul Melancon. Additionally, GrandPre's 1st Potato Salad Contest raised \$200, GrandPre's 1st Turn-A-Bout raised \$152, and EGM XV Todd Blauvelt's birthday bar crawl another \$40 for this year's parade.

Sponsorships are available at Presenting (\$2,500), Platinum (\$1,000), Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250), or Bronze (\$100). Information and sponsorship forms is available [www.GayEasterParade.com](http://www.GayEasterParade.com). Carriage/parade entry forms will be available as soon as carriage prices are confirmed.

Events scheduled for this 16th Gay Easter Parade Season includes:

>Sunday, March 1st, 5th Sponsorship Party, 3-5pm @ Cutter's, 706 Franklin Ave. hosted by GEP Board's Steve Patrick & Darwin Reed;

Friday, March 6th, 7th Eggstravaganza, 8-10pm, GrandPre's, 834 N. Rampart hosted by GEP Board's Opal Masters & Darwin Reed;

Saturday, March 14th, 14th Super Star-Studded Drag Extravaganza, 8-10pm, Oz, 800 Bourbon St. hosted by GEP Board's Rip Naquin & Marsha Delain;

Saturday, March 21st, 13th Spring Fever Extravaganza, 8-10pm, The Four Seasons, 3229 N. Causeway, Metairie, hosted by GEP Board's Electra City & Tittie Toulouse;

Saturday, March 28th, 16th Purple Party Easter Grand Marshals Reception, 8-11pm, Double Play, 439 Dauphine St. hosted by GEP Board of Directors;

Friday, April 3rd, 6th Bunnies in The Big Easy, 7-10pm, TBA hosted by GEP Board's Tony Leggio & Rona Conners;

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 3pm, Pre-Gay Easter Parade Party & Parade Check-in Registration (with Parade Line-Up Chair Steve Patrick), GrandPre's, 834 N. Rampart;

4:30pm, 16th Gay Easter Parade rolls through the streets of the French Quarter;

6pm, Post-Gay Easter Parade Party, GrandPre's, 834 N. Rampart.

**EGM XVI Misti Ates, aka Johnny Passion**, has been involved with the New Orleans LGBT community for the past seven years. Starting her own variety show in 2009, she began to raise funds for various charities. Then in 2011, through her drag king persona, Johnny Passion, she founded the LaFamilia Variety Drag Show, a monthly show which showcases local talents on stage in different venues. In 2011, Misti was named New Orleans Pride Grand Marshal. She was honored in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 as *Ambush Magazine's* Gay Appreciation Award's Lesbian of the Year. Also in 2014, she was named as a Lieutenant for Southern Decadence. She is also a member of the Krewe of Amon-Ra. Misti has been involved with the Gay Easter Parade since 2011, supporting and performing in many of the fundraisers each year.

Misti is married to Catherine Gaither, her wife of almost six years. Not only do they keep a very busy schedule with fundraisers and events for the community, they also have a blended family of four. Ethan 23, Racquel 22, Salvatore 13, and Mason 9, and two grandbabies, Isaac 2 and Leo 10 months.

Together, Misti and Catherine began Johnny Passion's Winter Wonderland in 2011 and through that event alone have donated over \$10,000 to charities, including the NO/AIDS Task Force, Food for Friends.

**Leonard Williams' persona Deja Deja-Vue'** was born in September 2005 when asked by his leather son Mr. OML 2002 Jason Pelky to do a fundraiser for him; a promise made to him a few years before. Whoa, let's back this up a little bit. Picture this, Tulsa Oklahoma 1995; two people arrive from Seattle, Washington to start a new chapter in their lives. After building a home and getting acquainted with the LGBT community, Leonard aka Deja joins Tulsa Uniform Leather Seekers Association



Easter Grand Marshals XVI

Misti Ates, aka Johnny Passion & Deja Deja-Vue'

(T.U.L.S.A). Pledging to the organization was the true beginning.

According to Leonard, "We; pledgers where put in charge of putting together a fundraiser to help produce our contest for that year Mr. OML (Oklahoma Mr. Leather). So someone came up with the idea of putting together a show called The Great Leather Camp Out. When I was asked what I was going to do I said that it would be drag if no one would know until that night, it was agreed upon. After doing the show as Loretta Thunderpussy I guess you could say a drag queen was born. By the way, the show was a great success and the people that became known as my drag mothers were in the audience Kris Kohl and Porsche Lynn; well known performers in the Tulsa area.

Serving as a member in T.U.L.S.A. for several years, two as Vice President, helped me understand that to be a part of our LGBT family helped established the base of me becoming involved in fundraising. In 1998 my drag mothers finely talked me into entering a pageant and after putting them off for a couple years I decided to do a little bar pageant but they told me I had to change my name. Loretta Thunderpussy would not work; so here a new persona was born, Reba Lynn Kohl. Pageant wise I was first alternate and was sent to the state pageant, and decided that wasn't for me, I would rather stick to fundraising; so that's what I did.

In 2002 a former OML approached me to visit Oklahoma City and attend an OGRA (Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association) meeting. After attending they asked me to join not knowing what lay ahead, I did. Next thing I know I am sitting on the board as secretary. The following year I won the title of Miss OGRA 2003 and went on to compete for Miss IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association). It was a fantastic year. I did not win but I got to do what I love, and that is fundraising. You see that is what IGRA is; it was based on the Royal Court System. At the same time I was elected as OGRA trustee and learned quite a bit about the history of the Gay Rodeo System all the while

doing my fundraising. At the same time a new rodeo group wanted to form in the city I was living in, Sooner State Rodeo Association. I was glad to be there and was proud to be the trustee, with the approval of OGRA to release some of their territory so the LGBT community could grow. I held two memberships after that one with one of the oldest gay rodeo associations OGRA and one with the newest SSRA. Helped support and produce the 2003 IGRA Finals in Tulsa since OGRA hosted that year. The following I won the title of Miss SSRA 2004, still traveling and enjoying the fundraising. In 2005 I was asked to be the first rodeo director for SSRA as was proud to accept. It was a great success with the support of the LGBT community and I learned so much and I wore myself out, but it was worth it. One final tribute, and the death of Reba Lynn Kohl, was my funeral; lots of fun.

In 2008 Deja move to New Orleans to help reopen one of the city's department stores and then was introduced to the world of Mardi Gras and gay krewes, another avenue for fundraising. I joined the Krewe of Amon-Ra in 2010; was the last Amon-Ra Miss America 2010, Prom Queen 2011 and Queen Amon-Ra 48 doing what I love, fundraising.

I was introduced to the Gay Easter Parade in 2011 making a small donation and riding in the parade in the Kajun's Pub's carriage, and each year it has gotten bigger. And this year I am the luckiest girl in the world to have the honor to be chosen as a grand marshal. To the love of my life Jim, thank you for letting me experience my life to the fullest. To all those who I had the pleasure of meeting, thank you for what you taught me, and to my new home town and the dear friends I have met here, I am so glad you came into my life and wishing you many blessings this Easter."

An interesting tidbit here: Misti Ates was the first person Deja Deja-Vue' met when first arriving in New Orleans. Misti was the bartender in the hotel bar where Deja was staying.

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