

The 51st Bourbon Street Awards, sponsored by Oz New Orleans and **Ambush Magazine**, brought over 30 contestants to the ultimate costume contest at Mardi Gras 2015 worth \$3,000 in cash prizes. Winners included: BEST OVERALL-Lords of Leather King and Consort Troy Powell and Tommy Stubblefield; BEST OF SHOW-1) Captain Amon-Ra, 2) Lords of Leather's Hollywood Ben Bourgeois and Spirit of New Orleans (tie); BEST GROUP-1) "Sissy That Walk" Dance Crew, 2) Cat Herders, 3) Krewe of Mardi Gar; BEST LEATHER-1) Lords of Leather King and Consort Troy Powell & Tommy Stubblefield, 2) Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge's Guns N' Roses Chad Blanchard, 3) Reptile Dysfunction; and BEST DRAG-1) Krewe of Amon-Ra's Rhonda Roget, 2) Elsa Mars from AHS: Freak Show, 3) Krewe of Satyricon's Chanel No. 5. (www.GayMardiGras.com/bbb.htm)

Best Overall won \$1,000 while each sub-category winner won \$500. (Photo by Hubert S Monkeys of Best Overall and Best Leather - Lords of Leather King and Consort Troy Powell and Tommy Stubblefield)



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King Cake Queen XXII Aubrey Synclaire, reigning as Queen of the Opera, is joined by Krewe of Queenateenas' Co-Captain's Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain and their guests, leading the 28th Official Gay Mardi Gras Bead Toss from the world famous balcony of the Ambush Mansion at 828 Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

Sponsored by **Ambush Magazine**, the krewe celebrated "Vienna: Beautiful, Gay & Gemuthlich (Cozy)" throwing thousands of beads to the revelers below throughout the afternoon. Although it was cold, there was no rain, and as the Queen came out to lead the bead toss, the sun shown brightly.

The 50 guests enjoyed cocktails, and the co-captain's annual feast of Mardi Gras Red Beans and cream cheese butter grits (or rice), and four dips including hot meaty cheesy, bacon ranch, ham-olive, and blu cheese; marinated antipasti, rolls, crackers, chips, and of course, cream cheese king cake from Antoine's Famous Cakes & Pies. (www.GayMardiGras.com) (Photo by Hubert S Monkeys)



The Krewe of Armeinius Bal Masque XLVII promised "If You Build It They Will Come," and did they ever to the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center in Chalmette, Louisiana. Trademark gigantic costumes some 30 feet or more across brought the giant crowd to their feet time and again for "The Architecture Ball." Co-Captain's Freddie Guess and Brent Durnin brought fourth some 18 presentations with a flair for the dramatic with an additional 30-50 participants in tow. The talents of Jeffrey T. Roberson (aka Varla Jean Merman) and Michael Sullivan as emcees proved to be hilarious beyond compare. The krewe even had Singer Paul Ross perform "Love is in the Air" live for the "Sydney" presentation. The fantastic evening culminated with the presentation of King and Queen Armeinius XLVII Dr. Tim Jeansonne and DragZilla (Chad Brickley) in spectacular splendor. It was also the first time **Ambush** has seen a krewe present the royalty of a sister-krewe in their tableaux, Queen and King Amon-Ra L Opal Masters and Darwin Reed. (www.Armeinius.org) (Photo by Rip Naquin)



"That's Entertainment!" laid the ground work for the Mystic Krewe of The Lords of Leather Bal Masque XXXIII as a true entertainment spectacle at the John A. Alario, Sr. Event Center in Westwego, Louisiana. Captain Gary Vandeventer as "There's No Business..." singing it live with an array of professional dancers got the ball rolling with some 18 presentations. Of course, the Roladex of Hate Bianca Del Rio, and Mobile newscaster Darwin Singleton, would lead us into a bumpy night of hysterics and even more, as emcees. As each presentation hit the stage, the crowd would be whipped into a frenzy, to see what could possibly come next. Dedicated to Leather, Love and Laughter, this krewe did not disappoint. The charity number led by Elizabeth Bouvier and company raised some \$1,500 for St. Anna's Food Bank. The elaborate presentation, including feather clad show girls and boys, brought forth "What Happens In Las Vegas" Lord King and Consort XXXIII Troy Powell and Tommy Stubblefield, the culmination to an evening of entertainment. (www.LordsOfLeather.org) (Photo by Rip Naquin)



The city's newest krewe, the Krewe of Narcissus presented its Bal Masque I at the New Orleans Healing Center in New Orleans. Captain Bruce Orgeron's tableaux had some 8 presentations. Rick Mirabelli reigned as Queen Narcissus One, while the krewe selected Jason to be Boy Narcissus 2015. The krewe chooses this young man from outside of the krewe.

Narcissus was created to be a throw back to old gay carnival with only a queen and no tickets to be bought, by invitation only, with complimentary food and drink to ball guests. The krewe's focus is more on the costume, than on production, or a drag number. (www.facebook.com/pages/Krewe-of-Narcissus/471803119553969) (Photo by Hubert S Monkeys)

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