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Easter

Celebrating LGBT+ Life, Music & Culture! ▶ Gay Easter Parade
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Official Gay Easter Parade

EASTER SUNDAY
April 5th • 4:00pm

- Pre-Parade Party
• Check-In/Lineup
• Board Carriages 6:00-6:45pm

Parade Balls 4:00pm
Post-Parade Party
Ballot Box
Grand Prix • \$50 • \$200

PLATINUM: \$1,000
GOLD: \$500
SILVER: \$250
Bronze: \$100

GayEasterParade.COM

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Pageant

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 2015 • 5PM

“An Enchanted Evening”

\$5 donation at the door • 4 Categories: Mr. / Miss / Sir / Ms.

Registration 12-1:30PM // Interview 1:30-3:30PM // Pageant begins promptly 5PM

NewOrleansPrideFestival.com



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Easter Bonnet Contest
Sunday April 5th 6:00 pm
1st Place \$100 Cash Prize
2nd Place Gift Basket
3rd Place \$25.00 Bar Tab

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 Thursday March 26, 9pm - 12 midnight

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BLACK OUT PARTY
 Thursday April 9th
 starts at 9pm

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the "official" dish

by Rip & Marsha Naquin-Delain
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16th Gay Easter Parade Rolls thru French Quarter April 5 led by Johnny Passion & Deja Deja-Vue'

Easter Sunday, April 5, will see the 16th Annual Gay Easter Parade roll through the streets of the historic French Quarter. Led by Easter Grand Marshals XVI Johnny Passion and Deja Deja-Vue', some 29 carriages, wagons and trolleys will be joined by two bands, seven walking groups and 10 vehicles, kicking off at 4:30pm sharp.

The parade route starts at the Armstrong Park Arch, down N. Rampart to Toulouse, u-turn on Toulouse, back down N. Rampart to St. Ann, right on St. Ann, left on Bourbon, right on Esplanade, right on Royal, right on St. Louis, right on N. Rampart, ending at 834 N. Rampart, GrandPre's.

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 minus expenses benefits Food For Friends, a vital service of NO/AIDS Task Force, and for the past 13 years, the parade has raised over \$202,414 for charity.

All parade entries must have been registered by March 20, and checkin is Sunday, April 5 with Gay Easter Parade's Steve Patrick inside at GrandPre's, 834. N. Rampart, between 2:30-3:45pm for the Pre-Parade Party and Checkin/Lineup. All carriages, wagons and trolleys will be boarded between 3:45 and 4:20pm, followed by vehicles and walking groups. Parade rolls at 4:30pm sharp. The Post-Parade Party and Buffet will begin at 6pm at GrandPre's.

Sponsors as of press time include Presenting (\$2,500) **Ambush Magazine**; Platinum (\$1,000) EGM XV Todd Blauvelt, James B. May & EGM XVI Deja Deja-Vue', Friday Night Before Mardi Gras;

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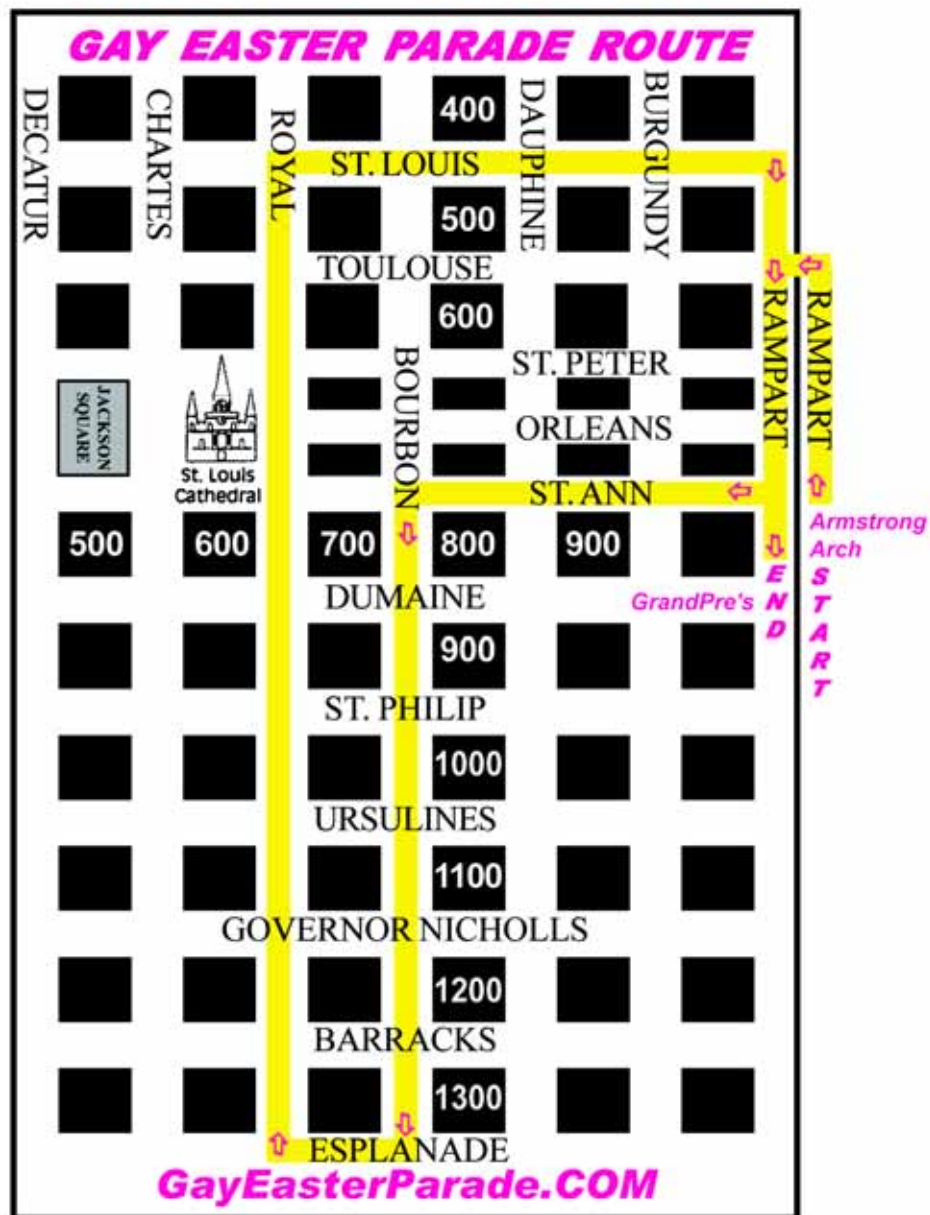
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In Kind/Venue Cutter's, GrandPre's, Oz New Orleans, Double Play, Four Seasons, Larry Graham-www.GrahamStudioOne.com. Information and sponsorship forms available at www.GayEasterParade.com.

14th Super Star Studded Drag Extravaganza Raises \$3,894 for Gay Easter Parade/Food For Friends

All roads led to Oz on March 14 as Gay Easter Parade's 14th Super Star Studded Drag Extravaganza hit the stage! This is one event which unites the LGBT+ community bringing reigning gay Carnival royalty to the stage along with King Cake Queens and star celebrities, all together for one night only. GEP Board's Tony Leggio (EGM X) and Opal Masters (EGM VII) proved once again to be an unbeatable duo as ring masters for the evening with wild entertainment, incredible auctions, and loads of fun and laughter.

The show opened with the once a year performance of Easter Grand



Marshal I Marsha Delain doing Martha Wash's "Proud." Next came reigning King Cake Queen XXII Aubrey Synclair with a dazzler, followed by reigning Queen Amon-Ra L Opal Masters in all her splendor.

The first auction of the night was won by Clay Christian with a \$150 bid for the Down the Bayou Wine Basket, donated by Rip's sister and friends.

That signaled the first live performance of the night by none other than reigning Easter Grand Marshal XVI Johnny Passion. And it was followed by another crowd pleaser from reigning Queen Narcissus I Vivian Loveride and hot Boy Narcissus doing a charming duet.

The next auction went home to EGM XI Chuck Turner and Bill Miller with a \$180 bid for the Fleur de Lis Egg donated by EGM VIII Rona Conners.

Reigning Easter Grand Marshal XVI Deja Deja-Vue' tantalized the crowd next followed by the incomparable King Cake Queen XIII Raven Kennedy.

The next auction was taken home by NO/AIDS Task Force's John-Michael Alderson with a \$150 for the Oz VIP Card & Bar Tab packaged donated by Oz.

King Cake Queen XIX Nicole Dubois was up next bringing down the house with her hilarious version of Miley Cyrus twerking!

One of the biggest auctions of the night went to Larry Anderson for the

Giant Easter Basket bringing in \$500 laden with liquor donated by Rip and Marsha, and EGM XVI Deja Deja-Vue', along with a half page color **Ambush** ad, and certificates/bar tabs from Crescent City Tour Booking Agency, The Golden Lantern, Kajun's Pub, and Two Guys Cutting Hair. It also included Vintage Gold Foil Bunny, and Elizabeth Taylor Sparkling White Diamonds donated by EGM VIII Rona Conners, Elegant Expressions Ocean Breeze Fragrance, and silver wine goblets donated by EGM XVI Deja Deja-Vue', and Easter candies donated by Rip and Marsha.

Reigning Miss Golden Lantern Monica Synclair-Kennedy was up next on the hit parade.

This led up to the highly anticipated "Man I Feel Like A Woman" Put Pride Grand Marshal Adikus Sulpizi in Drag Auction. This hysterical transformation was only achieved with the professional help of Miss Gay America 2006 Nicole Dubois and all the various auction winners.

This auction brought in \$25 for the Dress from John-Michael Alderson, \$60 for Blush & Eye Shadow from Shawn, \$40 for Lipstick from Solitaire, \$25 for Eyelashes from Rhonda Roget, \$25 for Earrings from Noel Twilbeck, \$35 for Wig from Mr. Louisiana Leather Jason Ashford, \$25 for Shoes from Rip Naquin

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