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**NEW ORLEANS TOURISM AND CULTURAL FUND ANNOUNCES
SECOND ANNUAL 'HONORS GALA' HONOREES**

NEW ORLEANS, LA - The New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund (NOTCF), is pleased to announce the recipients of the [Second Annual NOTCF Honors Gala](#) awards:

2024 Lifetime Achievement - **Germaine Bazzle**

2024 Emerging Artist - **Nathaniel Cameron Jr.**

2024 Established Artists:

Culinary Arts - **Linda Green**

Design - **Nik Richard**

Entertainment - **Big Chief Shaka Zulu**

Literary Arts and Humanities - **Megan Braden-Perry**

Preservation - **Herreast Harrison**

Visual Arts and Crafts - **Brandan "BMIKE" Odums**

The honorees will be presented with awards designed by visual artist, Sheleen Jones during a special presentation at the Gala on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at The Sugar Mill. The NOTCF Honors Gala Awards follow a five-tiered selection process, with multiple rounds of credible candidates. The nominations were submitted via a public call where community residents nominated individuals in the six sectors that NOTCF supports. Qualifying nominations are then presented to the selection committee and winners are chosen anonymously.

2024 Selection Committee:

Tod Smith, WWL TV

Jay Cicero, Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation

Emily Madero, French Quarter Festivals, Inc

William Andrews, Ogden Museum

Arthur Rogers, Arthur Rogers Gallery

Hakeem Holmes, Essence Festival of Culture

Asali Ecclesiastes, Ashè Cultural Arts Center

Diana Holmes, JP Morgan Chase

Dr. Jarrett Johnson, Money Wasters Social Aid and Pleasure Club

Cheryl Landrieu, New Orleans Book Festival

Queen Tahj Williams, Golden Eagles Tribe

Gerald Duhon, New Orleans Culinary Hospitality Institute

Sabrina Short, NOLAvate

“Culture is a reflection of our community. It is vital to the growth and economic progress of the city of New Orleans. In a world where globalization is making it increasingly difficult for culture to survive, NOTCF will continue to prioritize our city’s people and their contributions as a world influencer,” says NOTCF President and CEO, Lisa D. Alexis.

For more information on Gala tickets and sponsorship, visit [NOTCF.com](https://notcf.com).

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