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(for films reviewed in 2005)
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The year 2005 was momentous for the adult industry, with US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' firing a shot across the industry's bow in the form of draconian new §2257 record-keeping regulations. The Free Speech Coalition stepped in with a lawsuit, and the dust still has yet to settle.

In gay porn, the year was dominated by the work of two performers, although there are at least a dozen others I'd like to extend my thanks and kudos to.

Brad Benton has figured in the Hard Choice Awards on at least three previous occasions, and I like to think "I spotted him first." He's still turning in dynamic work as a thespian and as a fuck partner, and 2005 has been his best year to date.

But the guy who riveted my attention more than anyone else in 2005 is Gus Mattox. The guy is awesome and he drove that point home as many times as he drove his dick home last year, starting as the Big Bad (woof) Wolf in Falcon's Through the Woods, a plum supporting role in Jet Set's Wet Palms, a killer performance in Michael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons, as a smiling sexual opportunist in LeatherBound (Buckshot Productions), the nasty sheriff in Gale Force and other roles.

When it came time to decide on this year's best picture, I felt like Faye Dunaway in Chinatown, getting bitch-slapped by Jack Nicholson. My sister, my daughter, Dangerous Liaisons, Decameron. Two amazing productions, each the best work to date from its director and each a work of art in every respect. I couldn't find a reason to choose one over the other, so I didn't.

Performer of the Year
Gus Mattox
(Hon. Mention: Brad Benton)

Best Film (tie)
Decameron, Lucas Kazan ProductionsMichael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons, Lucas Entertainment
Best Director (tie)
Lucas Kazan, DecameronMichael Lucas, Michael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons
Best Screenplay
Tony Dimarco, Michael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons
(Hon. Mention: Coco LaChine, Desperate Husbands, All Worlds Video)

Best Actor
Gus Mattox: Michael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons and LeatherBound, Buckshot Productions
(Hon. Mention: Cameron Fox, Jeff Stryker's Tall Tails)

Best Supporting Actor
Brad Benton, Desperate Husbands
(Hon. Mention: Jacob Slader, Dirty Little Sins, Red Devil Entertainment)

Best Non-sexual Performance
Lana Luster, The Paramedics, All Worlds Video
(Hon. Mention: Toni Rose, Desperate Husbands)

Best Videography
Love and Lust, Lucas Kazan Productions
(Hon. Mention: Passport to Paradise, Raging Stallion Studios)

Best Art Direction
Michael Lucas' Dangerous Liaisons
(Hon. Mention: Passions of War 3: Celebration, Blue Lagoon Entertainment)

Most Romantic Sex
Jan Fischer and Patrick Downs, Deceived, Rascal Video

(Hon. Mention: Jay Varella and Luca DiCorso, Service for 10, Unzipped Video)

The Year's Best Sex
Edu Boxer and Manu Maltes, Auditions 4, Lucas EntertainmentBrad Ryder and Peter Wood, Bone Mountain, Tribal Pulse ProductionsJason Crew and Jack Braun, Curious for Cock, CustomBoysCarlos Morales and Josh Adams, Going Deep Down Under, Pistol MediaLuca DiCorso and Jake Samms, Lights and Darks, Electro VideoPete Ramos and Oliver, Peeping Juan, Latino Fan ClubRoman Heart and Brent Everett, Super Soaked, Jocks StudiosPete Ross and J.D. Kollin, Team Players, Raging StallionTod Princton and Erik Finnegan, Training Camp 2, Jet SetRod Barry and Jason Adonis, Wet Palms 6, Jet Set Productions
Best Sex for 3 or More
Blu Kennedy, Nick Parker, Jacob Slader, Justin Gemineye; Gale Force: Mens Room 2, Titan MediaJason Crew, Troy Punk, Jason Sias; LeatherBound, Buckshot ProductionsWilfried Knight, J., Gus Mattox; Michael Lucas' Dangerous LiaisonsCarlos Morales, Ivan Andros, Miguel Leonn; Passport to Paradise, Raging Stallion StudiosJunito, Benji Escobar, Dimitri Santiago, Anthony Cruz; Wet Dreamz of Genie, Liquid Dreamz Entertainment
Best Oral Sex
Joey Russo and Bastian, Riders, Titan Media
(Hon. Mention: Joshua Adams and Kent Larson, Shooters, MSR Videos)

Best Rimming
Ken Houser and Justin Lake, Strong-Armed 2, Club Inferno
(Hon. Mention: Rico Hoffman and Christophe Juvet, Where Is Rico?, TitanMen Fresh)

Most Fuckable Boy in the World
Cory Koons
(Hon. Mention: Bobby Williams)

Best Music
Andrea Ruscelli, Decameron
(Hon. Mention: J.D. Slater, Passport to Paradise, Raging Stallion Studios)

Having a Blast! (cum shot)
Jacob Slader, Gale Force: Mens Room 2, Titan MediaHot Shot, Latino Manhole, All Worlds VideoRicky Martinez, Love and Lust, Lucas Kazan ProductionsJoey Russo, Riders, Titan Media

Best New Kids on the Block
Performer: Blu Kennedy (Hon. Mention: Roman Heart)
Director: Kristofer Weston
Studio: Adonis Pictures

Best Solo
Niko, In the Jeans, Studio 2000

Best Mind Fuck
Luke Pearson and Spencer Quest, 110° in Tucson, Titan Media
(Hon. Mention: Michael Soldier and Trey Rexx, Hell Room, MSR Videos)

Best Classic DVD
That Boy, Gorilla Factory Productions
(Hon. Mention: Sgt. Swann's Private Files, All Worlds Video)

Savage Humor Award
Brandon Lee's parody of a Chinese laundryman in Lights & Darks, Electro Video
(Hon. Mention: Thor Stephans' screenplay for The Paramedics, All Worlds Video)

Deepest Throat
Luca di Corso

Best Buns
Rafael Alencar

Best Chest
Lucas Andrades

Onan's Pantheon of Michelangelo Bodies
Arpad Miklos, Brent Everett

Best Sounds & Facial Expressions During Sex
Roman Heart

Chance Erotic Moment
Smiles exchanged by Joey Russo and Miguel Leonn, in Drill: To the Point, Titan Media

Directorial Flight of Fancy
Doug Jeffries. Jan Fischer fellates the handle of the motorcycle, Looking for Trouble, Electro Video

Things They Didn't Teach You at School
Tony Bishop bites down on a surgical steel sound and fucks his cock with it, The Shaft, Raging Stallion Studios