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## **The Family Awards & Lesbian Ball**

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Presented by Gavin Brown's enterprise and filmmaker Leilah Weinraub, with the help of artist Aya Brown and Robot Moonjuice, and hosted by *office* Issue 07 star Ian Isaiah (with cosigns from everyone from Princess Nokia to Juliana Huxtable), the first ever Family Awards & Lesbian Ball was a celebration of New York's most talented and influential personalities—and it was definitely a night to remember.

In a small, dimly lit room, the ceremony was an intimate experience—despite its open door policy, it really did feel like a *family* event. Huddled around a sprawling stage, members of New York's art, nightlife and queer communities gathered to see who would win awards like “Ms Mr and Master,” “Baby Hairs,” “Best Art Hoe,” “Who's That Pokemon” and

“Lesbians With Nails,” to name a few, though it wasn’t all just fun and games.

After winning the “Community Leader” award, *office* Issue 08 cover star, Princess Nokia, hit the stage to share a very real and unapologetic message: move through life honestly and spread love. At The Family Awards, there was definitely no shortage of the latter.

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As the awards part of the night came to a close, the ball began and voguing contests went into full swing. At one point, dancers invited lesbian women to show off their nails, as model Jazzelle Zanaughtti, aka Ugly Worldwide, took over the stage with her curling, silver talons courtesy of @nailsbyjuan.nyc.

Throughout the night, couples slid around the floor making out in hopes of winning the “Best Couple” contest, evaluated by judges like Ladyfag and Telfar Clemens.

Towards the end of the night, Isaiah thanked Weinraub before the filmmaker screened her groundbreaking documentary, *SHAKEDOWN*, about a lesbian strip club in LA. Stay tuned for more from *office* about Weinraub and the film, and if you weren’t at this year’s event—don’t worry. We’ve got you covered.

See photos from The Family Awards & Lesbian Ball by *office* favorite Zora Sicher, below.





























































