2011 Yambilee King

2011 Louisiana Yambilee King LXVI - Robbie Sebastien

The Louisiana Yambilee Association is proud to announce our 66th annual Louisiana Yambilee King Robbie Sebastien

J. Robley Sebastien, Jr. (Robbie) is a resident of Opelousas, La. where he received his elementary education at AIC/Opelousas Catholic and went on to graduate in 1979 from The St. Paul’s School in Covington, La. His post studies continued at USL, The Gemological Institute of

America and T.H. Harris.

He is the eldest son of Carolyn Mayer Bertrand and Dr. Charles Caffery Bertrand and the late Joseph R. “Bob” Sebastien, Sr.

Being extremely civil minded, he became the youngest person to join The Opelousas Art League where he served as an Executive Board Member and became President shortly thereafter. By appointment from

former Mayor John Joseph, he became a founding member of the Board of Directors of The Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center.

The La. Yambilee Association voted him into their Board of Directors in 1996 where he has also served on the Executive Board from 2006 to 2010 in capacities from secretary to vice-- president. He served as President of the association for

two years from 2004-- 2006 and again in 2008-- 2009.

He has twice held a position with on the Board of Directors of the Opelousas-- St. Landry Chamber of Commerce where he is currently the Chairman for Area Development. He has a strong interest in the downtown revitalization of Opelousas and also holds a seat on the Board of Directors of The Opelousas Main

Street District Program through the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development via the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

In the Mardi Gras season of 1999, Mr. Sebastien served as Duke to King Orme, Dr. Pete Pinac and in 2009 became the annual Captain to the Cotillion of Bal Masque’ hosted by the Opelousas Garden Club. He also manages, books and schedules

events
for
Toby’s
Little
Lodge
and
Reception
Hall.

Mr.
Sebastien
is
owner
of
Sebastien-- Dupre
Fine
Jewelery,
Inc.
located
in
the
Opelousas
Historic
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His
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Opelousas

Little Theatre, The Boys and Girls Club, St. Landry-- Evangeline United Way and the Washington Garden Club.

His likes and hobbies are linked to anything that is art or architecturally related. As an artist he has painted in multi mediums from landscapes to portraiture, as well as china painting and glass fusing. His designs have been chosen twice to serve as La.

Yambilee Festival posters as well as artist to other organizations.

Mr. Sebastien is pleased to serve as the 2011 Louisiana Yambilee King LXVI.