

# Oxford Convention and Visitors Bureau

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## Oxford Convention and Visitor's Bureau Receive State and Regional Awards

Oxford, Miss-- The Oxford Convention and Visitor's Bureau was presented the Best Large Festival of the Year award for the Double Decker Arts Festival by the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) at their annual awards ceremony for tourism achievement during the Governor's Conference on Tourism held February 17-18 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"We are very excited to have received this award," says Mary-Kathryn Millner, Coordinator of the Double Decker Arts Festival, "the award is a tribute to the hard work of the staff and volunteers and the community support that makes Double Decker possible."

The awards program recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of tourism by members of the 450+ member private sector organization as well as honoring travel media, community volunteers and governmental friends of the industry. Awards were presented in 10 categories, each focusing on a different aspect of the hospitality industry or individual achievement.

"Special recognition should be given to our tourism industry leaders for their outstanding accomplishments. We are happy to have the opportunity to honor the winners of these awards as we truly appreciate their dedication not only to our organization but to the entire tourism industry," said Bill Seratt 2008-2009 President of the MTA.

In addition to state recognition, Southeast Festivals and Events awarded the OCVB multiple prestigious Kaleidoscope Awards, sponsored by RCS Productions, for their contribution to the festivals and events industry at their annual conference held in Knoxville, Tennessee February 16-18. The OCVB was awarded Best Event Program or Brochure and Best Other Merchandise for the Double Decker Arts Festival.

Further, the OCVB and Double Decker Festival were recognized in the Best T-Shirt, Best Website, Best Promotional Poster and Best Marketing Campaign categories.

The Oxford Double Decker Arts Festival will host the fourteenth annual event Saturday, April 25, 2009. The festival takes its name from the town's authentic double decker bus imported from England in 1994. The unique festival brings together visitors and residents alike for a daylong celebration of music, food and the arts held on the picturesque Courthouse Square.

For more information on the fourteenth annual Double Decker Arts Festival visit [www.doubledeckerfestival.com](http://www.doubledeckerfestival.com)

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