

Finding Aid to Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco scrapbooks (#2006-11)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco scrapbooks

Collection Number: 2006-11

Physical Description: 2 linear feet (2 cartons)

Creator: Rose Mary Mitchell

Date (inclusive): 1980-2022

Language of Material: English

Abstract:

This collection contains six scrapbooks of materials relating to the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco. The scrapbooks include photographs, programs, flyers, chorus notes, buttons, ticket stubs, and other ephemera.

Preferred Citation:

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Conditions Governing Access:

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights:

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Rose Mary Mitchell in May 2006.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Megan Needels in 2022 with funding provided by the National Historical Publications & Records Commission.

This finding aid uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

Biographical/Organizational History Note:

The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco was founded in 1980 and is the nation's oldest self-identified LGBT mixed chorus. The Chorus is dedicated to building and enriching the LGBT community through song and a love of music. The group was initially known as the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Chorus under the leadership of conductor, Robin Kay. The Chorus has participated in many historical LGBT events including the Gay Freedom Day Parade, the Gay Musical Celebration at Grace Cathedral, the Gay Games, annual Pride concerts, and numerous AIDS fundraisers. The Chorus was a part of the nonprofit arts organization, Golden Gate Performing Arts, Inc. (GGPA) and also helped to found the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) in 1981. The group was renamed the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco in 1984.

A number of artistic directors and conductors have led the Chorus over the years including Robin Kay (1980-1982); Sherrin Lloyd (1983); Matt O'Grady (December 1983-1985); Rodger Pettyjohn (1985-1987); Pat Parr (1987-June 1997); Trente Morant (Fall 1997-June 1998); Bill Ganz (Fall 1998-Spring 1999); Michael Carlson (June 1999-June 2001); J.R. Faust (Fall 2001-Spring 2002); Stephanie Lynn Smith (Spring 2002-Pride 2010); Cole Thomason-Redus (Fall 2010, Guest Director 2015); William Sauerland (2011-2017); Joe Wicht (Guest Director 2016 & 2017); Michael Reilly (2017-present).

Scope and Content:

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Conservation:

Due to preservation needs, some of the scrapbooks were disassembled by the processing archivist in 2022. Photographs of the scrapbooks were taken prior to disassembly and are available for review. The preserved, disassembled scrapbook contents are available for research

use. Some scrapbooks were not disassembled, again due to preservation needs. They are available to researchers in their original state.

Indexing Terms:

LGBTQ

San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)

Music

Lesbians

Gay men

Container Listing

Carton 1, Folder 1	Photographs of scrapbook pages prior to disassembly (1980-1986), captured in 2022
Carton 1, Folder 2	Disassembled scrapbook contents, 1980-1986 [1 of 3]
Carton 1, Folder 3	Disassembled scrapbook contents, 1980-1986 [2 of 3]
Carton 1, Folder 4	Disassembled scrapbook contents, 1980-1986 [3 of 3]
Carton 1, Item 1	Scrapbook, 1987-1991
Carton 1, Item 2	Scrapbook, 1989-1991
Carton 2, Folder 1	Photographs of scrapbook pages prior to disassembly (1991-1992), captured in 2022
Carton 2, Folder 2	Disassembled scrapbook contents, 1991-1992 [1 of 2]
Carton 2, Folder 3	Disassembled scrapbook contents, 1991-1992 [2 of 2]
Carton 2, Item 1	Scrapbook, 1992-1995
Carton 2, Item 2	Scrapbook, 1995