

Inventory of the David Strachan Collection of Keith A. O'Bea papers (#2013-14)

Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: David Strachan Collection of Keith A. O'Bea papers

Collection Number: 2013-14

Physical Description: 3 linear feet (1 carton, 1 oversize box)

Creator: Keith A. O'Bea

Date (inclusive): 1981-2010

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Keith Allen O'Bea (1964-2010) was an artist who was also known as Kayo (or KAO). He was a Naraya dance and faerie urban gardener who adopted the name Lightning Raven. Includes writings, photographs, artwork, sketchbooks, cartoons, materials from Wolf Creek Sanctuary, books by artists that influenced O'Bea, and a small amount of correspondence.

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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: Keith Allen O’Bea (1964-2010) was an artist who was also known as Kayo (or KAO). He was a Naraya dance and faerie urban gardener who adopted the name Lightning Raven. O’Bea studied art and design at Broward County Community College before moving to San Francisco in 1986. He worked at the Macy’s Union Square men’s store until 2009.

Scope and Content: Includes writings, photographs, artwork, sketchbooks, cartoons, materials from Wolf Creek Sanctuary, books by artists that influenced O’Bea, and a small amount of correspondence.

Indexing Terms:

Gay men
Radical Faeries

Container Listing

Carton 1:

Manuscripts/Writings, 1981, undated (2 folders)
Photographs, 1993-2002, undated
Correspondence, Notes, Calendar, 1986-2010
Drawing on the Gay Experience: Cartoons from the Advocate by Gerard P. Donelan, 1987 (signed)
Two-Spirit Naraya at Wolf Creek materials, includes directories and ephemera, 2000-2009
Zuni Mountain News, Spring 2010
“Flavor of the Month, Bear!” 1998 calendar by Frisch—signed
Sketchbook Pages, including *Radical Faerie Fantasy* #169, “Naked at the Beach,” 1989, “The Boiling Point,” 1989, and “The Continuing Adventures of Cactus Cooley and Gustus McMann,” 1991—all by Kayo
Sketchbooks (3)
Influences, including Superman, Arnell, Ringling Brothers, Chronicles of Darkhorn, 1973-1996, undated (some signed)

OSF 1:

Painting of Heart
Collage
Sketchbook pages, including Fagman and Bobbin, unicorns, undated
“The Adventures of Turnpike,” by Kayo, 1986
“Introducing Turnpike,” by Kayo, 1987 in the zine *TIN (This Is New)*
O’Bea’s artist box