

**Finding Aid to Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco ephemera
(#1997-14)**

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Abstract:

This collection contains ephemera produced by the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco. Materials include 35mm slides of concert programs, as well as flyers and posters advertising chorus events.

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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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Indexing Terms:

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San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)

Music
Lesbians
Gay men

Container Listing

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Slides of programs, 1980-1996

Oversize box 1, Folder 1

Flyers and posters, circa 1980-1997

**LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS
OF SAN FRANCISCO**

PROGRAMS ON SLIDES

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All of you in the L/GCSF who have contributed over the years

L/GCSF SLIDES

1. **FIRST FLYER**

2. **PREMIER PERFORMANCE**

Saturday, May 17, 1980
Mission High School

3. **A GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION AT GRACE CATHEDRAL**

Friday, June 27, 1980
Grace Cathedral

4. **TOGETHER IN HARMONY**

Saturday, September 27, 1980
Mission High School Auditorium

5. **CONCERT FOR GAY AWARENESS WEEK, U.C. BERKELEY**

Tuesday, November 18, 1980
Wheeler Auditorium, Berkeley

6. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**

Sunday, December 21, 1980 &
Wednesday, December 24, 1980
Nourse Auditorium

7. **OUR TIME & PLACE**

Saturday, May 30, 1981
Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 31, 1981
First Congregational Church

8. **A GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

Friday, June 26, 1981
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall

9. **SING! THE RHYTHM OF LIFE**

Friday, October 2, 1981
Trinity Episcopal Church

10. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**

Sunday, December 20, 1981 &
Thursday, December 24, 1981
Nourse Auditorium

11. **ROMANCE 'N RHYTHM**

Saturday, March 27, 1982
First Unitarian Church

12. **THE FOURTH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Friday, June 25, 1982
Civic Auditorium

13. **GALA: THE SECOND NATIONAL CHORAL CONFERENCE AND
WEST COAST CHORAL FESTIVAL**

September 2-5, 1982
Nourse Auditorium

14. **HARMONIC HARVEST**

Saturday, November 13, 1982
First Unitarian Church

15. **THIRD ANNUAL "NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW"**

Sunday, December 19, 1982 &
Friday, December 24, 1982
Nourse Auditorium

16. **SOUNDWAVES**

Saturday, May 21, 1983
Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco

Sunday, May 22, 1983
Ollie's, Oakland

17. **FIFTH ANNIVERSARY/GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Friday, June 24, 1983
Warfield Theater

18. **BACK IN GRACE**

Friday, June 15, 1984
Grace Cathedral

19. **THE 6TH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Friday, June 22, 1984
Nourse Auditorium

20. **LULLABYE OF BROADWAY**

Saturday, November 3, 1984
Victoria Theater

21. **HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN**

Saturday, November 10, 1984
Japan Center Theater

22. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**

Sunday, December 16, 1984
Monday, December 24, 1984
Nourse Auditorium

23. **THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Saturday, June 29, 1985

24. **THIS IS OUR COUNTRY**

Wednesday, March 5, 1986 &
Saturday, March 8, 1986
First Unitarian Church

25. **A LITTLE GUTS & LOTS OF GLITTER:
(THE EIGHTH GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION)**

Friday, June 27, 1986 &
Saturday, June 28, 1986
First Congregational Church

26. **INAUGURAL CONCERT OF GAY GAMES II CULTURAL WEEK**

Friday, August 1, 1986 &
Tuesday, August 5, 1986
First Unitarian Church

27. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**

Saturday, December 20, 1986
Wednesday, December 24, 1986
Mission High School

28. **IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS . . .**

Thursday, April 9, 1987
Palace of Fine Arts Theater

29. **9TH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Friday, June 26, 1987
First Congregational Church

30. **GOSPEL MUSICAL FOR AIDS '87**

Sunday, October 4, 1987
Glide Memorial Church

31. **THE SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS RIDES AGAIN**

Saturday, November 21, 1987
First Congregational Church

32. **JOAN BAEZ & FRIENDS: THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Thursday, December 17, 1987
Warfield Theater

33. **A CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SING-A-LONG**

St. Francis Lutheran Church
Friday, December 18, 1987

34. **A TOUCH OF CLASSICS**

Friday, April 15, 1988
St. John The Evangelist Church

35. **A DECADE OF PRIDE**

Friday, June 24, 1988
First Congregational Church

36. **THE LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS GOES TO THE MOVIES**

Friday, September 30, 1988
First Congregational Church

37. **IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS . . .**

Sunday, October 9, 1988
Palace of Fine Arts Theater

38. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**

Thursday, December 15, 1988
Friday, December 16, 1988
Herbst Theater

39. **OUR OWN KIND OF MUSIC**

Sunday, April 30, 1989
Trinity Chapel, Berkeley

Friday, May 5, 1989
Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco

40. **A GALA CHORUS PREVIEW**
THE 11TH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION
- Friday, June 23, 1989
Mission High School
41. **GALA FESTIVAL III**
- July 2 - July 8, 1989
Seattle, Washington
42. **YOU AND THE NIGHT AND THE MUSIC**
- Monday, July 31, 1989
Venetian Room
43. **THE LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS GOES TO BROADWAY!**
- Friday, October 13, 1989
Saturday, October 14, 1989
First Congregational Church
44. **NOW SING WITH HEARTS AGLOW**
- Thursday, December 14, 1989
Friday, December 15, 1989
Herbst Theater
45. **BRAHMS & BERNSTEIN**
- Friday, April 20, 1990
Old First Church, San Francisco
- Saturday, April 28, 1990
First Unitarian Church, Oakland

46. **THE LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS TURNS 10**
THE 12TH ANNUAL GAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Friday, June 22, 1990
First Congregational Church

47. **RADIO DAZE**

Friday, September 28, 1990
Saturday, September 29, 1990
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

48. **A CLASSIC TEX-MEX HOLIDAY**

Thursday, December 13, 1990
Friday, December 14, 1990
Herbst Theater

49. **SONGSTREAM**
MUSIC BY AMERICAN COMPOSERS

Friday, March 22, 1991
First Unitarian Church, Oakland

Saturday, March 23, 1991
Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco

50. **THE 13TH ANNUAL PRIDE CONCERT**

Friday, June 28, 1991
First Congregational Church

51. **BOBBY SOX TO BEATLES**

Friday, October 11, 1991
Saturday, October 12, 1991
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

52. **A (NOT SO) SILENT NIGHT**

Saturday, December 7, 1991
First Unitarian Church, Oakland

Sunday, December 8, 1991
First Congregational Church, San Francisco

53. **HEART STRINGS**
AN EVENT IN 3 ACTS

Saturday, March 7, 1992
Sunday, March 8, 1992
Palace of Fine Arts Theater

54. **FIVE YEARS OF MADNESS**

Friday May, 1, 1992 (cancelled)
Saturday, May 2, 1992
First Congregational Church

55. **THE PRIDE CONCERT**
THE 14TH ANNUAL GAY & LESBIAN MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Friday, June 26, 1992
First Congregational Church

56. **GALA FESTIVAL IV**

June 28 - July 4, 1992
Denver, Colorado

57. **CLASSICS OF NATURE**

Friday, October 23, 1992
First Unitarian Church, Oakland

Saturday, October 24, 1992
Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco

58. **FANTASIES: FAIRY TALES CAN COME TRUE**

Friday, March 5, 1993
Saturday, March 6, 1993
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

59. **15TH ANNUAL PRIDE CONCERT**

Friday, June 25, 1993
Herbst Theater

60. **LESBIAN & GAY COMPOSERS**

Friday, October 22, 1993
First Congregational Church, Oakland

Saturday, October 23, 1993
Sunday, October 24, 1993
Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco

61. **IT'S ABOUT LOVE!**

Friday, March 25, 1994
Saturday, March 26, 1994
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

62. **THE 16TH ANNUAL PRIDE CONCERT**

Friday, June 17, 1994
Center for the Arts Theater
Yerba Buena Gardens

63. **IT'S ABOUT MUSIC!**

Friday, October 21, 1994
First Congregational Church, Oakland

Saturday, October 22, 1994
Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco

64. **A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING**

Friday, March 24, 1995
Saturday, March 25, 1995
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

65. **THE 17TH ANNUAL PRIDE CONCERT**

Friday, June 16, 1995
Herbst Theater

66. **MUSIC BY WOMEN COMPOSERS**

Friday, November 3, 1995
First Congregational Church, Oakland

Saturday, November 4, 1995
Trinity Episcopal Church, San Francisco

67. **A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF ELTON JOHN**

Friday, March 22, 1996
Saturday, March 23, 1996
Cowell Theater at Fort Mason

68. **THE 18TH ANNUAL PRIDE CONCERT**

Friday, June 28, 1996
Herbst Theater

69. OPERA GRAND & NOT SO GRAND

Friday, November 1, 1996

Saturday, November 2, 1996

Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco