

Container List for the BML Videos videotapes, 1977-2002 (#2014-10)

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection is made up of over 400 VHS and SVHS tapes, including master and duplicate tapes, raw and edited content and multiple and single camera footage as part of BML Videos of San Francisco. The videos capture many San Francisco and Bay Area LGBT social and recreational events spanning from 1977 to 2000 such as contests, athletic competitions, award shows and fundraisers, parades, drag shows and more. The collection is accompanied by a 14-page tape inventory originally written by BML producer Luis Pérez-Cordero; the list, which enumerates items according to thematic categories, differs slightly from label notations on the physical VHS and SVHS tapes. The container list below outlines the main themes and categories of videos in each collection container and can be used in conjunction with Pérez-Cordero's item-level inventory to create a more comprehensive collection listing (for access to Pérez-Cordero's inventory, please contact the GLBT Historical Society archivist). The video collection is maintained according to the original order and organization established by Pérez-Cordero and was consolidated down to 15 cartons from an original 16 during archival processing.

Cartons 1-5, box 1, and oversize box 1 include footage of the Mr. Leather Daddy, Mr. Bare Chest, Mr. South of Market, Mr. San Francisco Cowboy, Mr. and Ms. Cheeks and Chaps, Ms. Leather International, Mr. Drummer and other bodybuilding and chest contests. Other videos included are recordings of beer busts and Halloween events at the historic San Francisco Eagle Bar in the early 90s.

Cartons 6 and 7 offer a comprehensive look into the San Francisco Imperial Family events, including Court Silver Jubilees, candidates' presentations, investiture ceremonies, and coronations and galas from 1988 to 1993. Figures included are Emperor Patrick and Empress Tina Tanner; Emperor Jerry Coletti & Empress Pat Montclair; Sable Memorial Tributes; Lilly Street Running for Empress Events; Imperial Family Silver Jubilee Celebration; Emperor Michael Bowman & Empress Caresse; Emperor Douglas and Empress Velveeta Mozzarella; and Grand Ducal Coronations (Grand Duke Jim Jonner and Grand Duchess Suzie Wong; Grand Duke Bruce Harrelson & Grand Duchess Collette La Grande).

Videotapes in cartons 8-11 and part of box 1 document various street fairs and protests, including Dore Alley, the 1st Folsom Street Fair in 1989, the San Francisco Gay Day Parades (before they were televised, from 1990 to 1993), and the 1st Castro Street Fair in 1992. Also included is footage from the 1993 March on Washington, 14th Annual San Francisco Carnival, and Closet Ball: San Francisco's Most Outrageous Coming Out Party. Carton 11 also contains footage from the Cable Car Awards, 1990-1993.

Carton 12-14 includes motorcycle and bike events, such as races, runs and award ceremonies by the California Eagles Motorcycle Club in 1993, the Golden Gate Guards' from 1988-1995 or the Barbary Coasters, and the Cycle Runners from 1987 to 1993. Also included in carton 14 are videotapes with footage of drag shows, such as the San Francisco God Damn Independents' Minsky's drag performances, ranging from 1985 to 1994.

The final carton in this collection, carton 15, contains various “miscellaneous” VHS and SVHS tapes as well as “Life Tapes”: videos of memorialized community members who lost their lives to HIV/AIDS from 1990 to 1995. Also included are Inter Club Found (now known as the Leather Alliance) Folsom Follies events, as well as recordings from an all drag production of The Odd Couple (1989). Together, cartons 14 and 15 capture the many clubs, organizations, venues and individuals, some now gone, that have served, entertained and held space for LGBT communities in the San Francisco Bay Area for the past thirty years.

- Carton 1** “Gay Softball League, Switch Hitters Balls” – at the California Club and Victoria Theatre, 1990-1991
“Mr. Hairy Chest Contest, Headquarters (Castro St.)”, 1992-1993
“Mr. Leather Daddy Contest (SF Eagle)”, 1989
“Mr. & Ms. Cheeks & Chaps, at the Eagle”, 1993
“Mr. San Francisco Cowboy (California Club)” – includes Country Western Singer Gail Smith [live] & Raw Hide Wrestlers Dancers, 1990
“Mr. South of Market, at the Eagle” – includes Mr. Marcus as MC, with Falcon Studios, Al Parker, 1989-1993
- Carton 2** “Cinco de Mayo Beer Bust at the Eagle”, 1993
“Halloween at the San Francisco Eagle (Terry Thompson, MC – Mr. Marcus), Leather and Feathers Costume Contest”, 1989-1994
“Mr. San Francisco Leather” – includes San Francisco Eagle, Victoria Theater, and SF Men’s Chorus, 1990-1993
“San Francisco Eagle 9th Anniversary & Masque Ball V (1993-1994)”, ca. 1994
- Carton 3** “Arcadia Bodybuilding Society: Physique, Men & Women Bodybuilding Contest” – includes Physique Competition Finals, Preliminaries, Evening Show & Awards, 1991
“Bare Buns Contests”, 1994
“Bare Chest Video Calendar” – includes January-November of 1993[missing August], 1993-1994
- Oversize Box 1** “Bare Chest Video Calendar”, 1994
- Carton 4** “International Ms. Leather Contest” – includes A Night at the Dungeon, Under Construction, Hell on Wheels, and International Ms. Leather Press Party at SF Eagle, 1990-1993
- Carton 5; Box 1** “International Mr. Drummer Contest” – includes Drummer Men and Drummer Boys, Fantasies, Drummer Auction, and Best of Drummer, 1990-1992

- Carton 6-7** “Coronations San Francisco Imperial Family” – includes Emperor Patrick and Empress Patrick and Empress Tina Tanner, Emperor Jerry Coletti & Empress Pat Montclair, Sable Memorial Tributes, Lilly Street Running for Empress Events, Mr. & Ms. Gay San Francisco Contest, Imperial Family Silver Jubilee Celebration, Emperor Michael Bowman & Empress Caresse, Emperor Douglas and Empress Velveeta Mozzarella, and Grand Ducal Coronations (Grand Duke Jim Jonner and Grand Duchess Suzie Wong; Grand Duke Bruce Harrelson & Grand Duchess Collette La Grande), 1988-1993
- Carton 8** “Castro Mardi Gras”, 1992 March 03
 “Castro Street Fair”, 1992 October 01
 “Dore Alley (Street Fair)”, 1992
 “Folsom Street Fair”, 1989-1993, 2000
 “March on Washington: Is a Matter of Justice!” – includes the march, DuPont Circle, Queen Cougar Night Events, and Mr. Marcus Introduction by GG Bridge, 1993
 “Mission Street Carnival 14th Annual San Francisco Carnival”, 1993
 “Mixed Dore & Folsom Street Fairs”, 1993
- Carton 9** “Closet Ball: San Francisco’s Most Outrageous Coming Out Party” – includes rehearsals, 1992-1995
- Carton 10-11; Box 1** “San Francisco Gay Date [sic] Parades” – includes 20th SF Parade (The Future is Ours), 21st SF Parade (Hand In Hand Together), 22st SF Parade (A Simple Matter of Justice), 23rd SF Parade (Year of The Queer) 1990-1993
- Carton 11** “Cable Car Awards”, 1990-1993
- Carton 12-14** “Bike & Leather Clubs (Camping Runs, Beer Busts, Awards, Shows, Bike Rides)” – includes Barbary Coasters, Cheaters, Constantines, and Cycle Runners, California Eagles Motorcycle Club, Golden Gate Guards, Phoenix Uniform Club, San Francisco God Damn Independents (SFGDI), and Various Motorcycle Clubs, 1977-1979, 1986-1995, 1998, 2002
- Carton 14** (San Francisco God Damn Independents) “SFGDI’s Minsky’s (Drag Shows)” – includes Minsky’s at Victoria Theater, Minsky’s Goes to Atlantic City, Minsky’s Made Up Memories, and Minsky’s Life Is... A Date at Minsky’s!, 1985-1994

Carton 15

“Celebration of Life Tapes (AIDS Victims)” – includes Bob Cramer (Memorial at City Hall), Alan Hall, John Valle, Gerry Albert, Terry Thompson, and Xmas Eve Dinner War Memorial, 1989-1995

“Hawaiian Wedding – Halloween (Castro) Hawaiian Brides Against DOMA”, undated

“Inter Club Found (ICF) Folsom Follies - California Club (ICF is now known as the Leather Alliance)” – includes Folsom Follies, Inter Club Fund (ICF), and Forum Xmas Party, 1988-1991

“Miscellaneous” – includes Terry Thompson “In Memory”, Mark Chester’s Leather Presentation, Castro Lions Club Scavenger Hunt & Drummer, James 40th Birthday Party, Phoenix Bar Bust, Eagle Staff Sunday, SF Eagle Leather & Feathers, 1990-1995

“The Odd Couple (All Drag Cast), Lilly Street”, 1989, 1997