

Lesbian and Gay Choruses Collection, 1986-1998

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest
Title	Lesbian and Gay Choruses Collection
Dates	1986-1998 (inclusive) 1986 1998
Quantity	2.5 cubic feet , (5 document cases)
Collection Number	Mss 2988-11
Summary	Materials documenting the Portland (Oregon) Gay Men's Chorus, the Portland (Or.) Lesbian Choir, the Bridges Vocal Ensemble, and the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) events. Materials include: programs, sheet music, ephemera, and photographs relating to concerts, tours, and other events of the ensembles.
Repository	Oregon Historical Society, Davies Family Research Library Davies Family Research Library Oregon Historical Society 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English.

Historical Note

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus and the Portland Lesbian Choir participated in numerous performances in the Portland, Oregon, area and around the United States. Bridges was an organization composed of individual members of both the Gay Men's Chorus and the Lesbian Choir, performing as a separate ensemble. GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) was a national meeting/performance of Gay Men's and Lesbians' choruses throughout the United States. The Portland groups performed at a number of GALA events, notably in Denver, Colorado, in 1992.

Content Description

Materials include: programs, sheet music, ephemera, and photographs documenting concerts, tours, and other events of the ensembles. A large proportion of the collection consists of scrapbooks assembled by the groups, which include photographs and ephemera from the various events.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series:

Series A: General files, 1989-1998

Series B: Sheet music, undated

Series C: Scrapbooks, 1986-1996

Acquisition Information

The collection was assembled by the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest and donated to the Oregon Historical Society.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series A: General files, 1989-1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Bridges		
Box/Folder		
1/1	BMI certificate of compliance	undated
1/2	General materials	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/3	Musical programs	1991-1998
1/4	Musical programs	undated
1/5	Organizational materials	undated
Box/Folder		
1/6	Correspondence to "Ms. Schmitt"	undated
GALA		
Box/Folder		
1/7	General materials	1992, 1998
1/8	Program, Vancouver BC	1990
1/9	Schedules/programs Combined Gay Men's/Lesbians' Chorus programs in the United States in which the Portland groups participated.	1991-1995
Box/Folder		
1/10	Musical Director contract	1995
Portland Lesbian Choir		
Box/Folder		
1/11	BMI certificate of compliance	1990
1/12	General materials	circa 1989
1/13	Newsletter	1996-1997
1/14	Programs	1990-1998

Series B: Sheet Music, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Bridges sheet music Alphabetical by title	
Box/Folder		
1/15	A-B	undated
1/16	C-G	undated
1/17	H-L	undated
1/18	M-R	undated
1/19	S-Z	undated
Box/Folder		
1/20	Fragments of sheet music	undated
1/21	Songs, Portland Lesbian Choir with Portland Gay Men's Chorus	undated
2/1-2/8	Miscellaneous sheet music	undated
3/1-3/3	Miscellaneous sheet music	undated

Series C: Scrapbooks, 1986-1996

Four albums of photos and Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Portland Lesbian Choir programs, 1986-1994; programs for GALA Festivals III, IV and V, 1989, 1982, 1996; and miscellaneous photos of group events, undated.

Albums were disassembled for preservation purposes, but photocopies were made of the original order of the materials.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Album 1	
Box/Folder		
4/1	Photocopies of original album	1986-1990
4/2	Papers from album	1986-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/3-4	Photographs from album	1986-1990
Album 2		
Box/Folder		
4/5	Photocopies of original album	1990-1991
4/6	Papers from album	1990-1991
5/1	Photographs from album	1990-1991
Album 3		
Box/Folder		
5/2	Photocopies of original album	1992-1993
5/3	Papers from album	1992-1993
5/4	Photographs from album	1992-1993
Album 4		
Box/Folder		
5/5	Photocopies of original album	1994
5/6	Papers from album	1994
5/7	Photographs from album	1994
Box/Folder		
5/8	Loose photographs found in albums	circa 1996-1997
5/9	Publications found loose in albums	1989-1996

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Choirs (Music)--Oregon--Portland.

Gays--Oregon--Portland.

Lesbians--Oregon--Portland.

Music--Oregon--Portland.

Corporate Names :

Bridges (Portland, Or.)

GALA Choruses Festival

Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest.

(creator)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus

(creator)

Portland Lesbian Choir (Portland, Or.)

(creator)

Geographical Names :

Portland (Or.)--History

Form or Genre Terms :

Printed ephemera.

Sheet music.

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