

Guide to the David Emert Collection of Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and Image Out Film Festival 2017.017

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Summary Information

Repository:	Local History & Genealogy Division
Source:	Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
Title:	David Emert collection on the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and ImageOut Film Festival
ID:	2017.017
Date [inclusive]:	1989-2013
Physical Description:	1.0 Cubic Feet Three boxes and one over sized file folder.
Language of the Material:	English
Mixed Materials [box]:	1-3
Graphic Materials [folder]:	OS1
Abstract:	This collection consists of the papers collected by David Emert, Producer of the ImageOut! Film Festival and performer in the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus. The materials date between 1989 and 2013. The materials consist of programs, budgets, meeting minutes, and planning materials for the ImageOut! Film Festival, programs, photographs, and articles regarding the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, buttons and pins, and posters.

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Biographical / Historical

David Emert became a host of the GALA leadership conference in 1988 and heard the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus sing. He joined the chorus in late 1988. He served on the board of directors as secretary

and member at large. He was also the co-director of development and co-chair of GALA fundraising. Emert helped revise the chorus handbook and created an advertising sales system in the mid 1990's. David was also very involved in the ImageOut Film Festival. He was a chair member in 1994, as well as a member of the advertising sub-committee, and the executive planning committee. In 1995, David was the festival producer, on the executive board, finance chair, and in advertising and sales. Emert was also the editor of *ImageOut News*. David Emert was a large contributor to the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and the ImageOut Film Festival. He contributed with his time, money, and knowledgeable skill set.

The Rochester Gay Men's Chorus was started in 1982 to seek a better world for themselves, their community, and for the nation by sowing seeds of harmony through the universal language of music. The Chorus has a membership of over 40 people. Members of the RGMC have represented the Rochester community at every choral festival of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. The RGMC performs concerts around the Rochester area and have held exchange concerts with choruses in Detroit, Philadelphia, Toronto, Vancouver, Cleveland, and Germany. The Chorus belongs to the Greater Rochester Choral Consortium and the Arts and Cultural Council of Monroe County. They currently perform three concerts annually.

The ImageOut Film Festival started as the Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival in 1993. The RGLFVF started under the auspices of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley. The first festival included 18 programs and 100 films and videos that focused on celebrating and documenting the past and present of the global Lesbian and Gay community. In 1994, the festival introduced the Third Coast Call for Work that highlighted the work of regional film and video makers. The festival also introduced sign-language interpretive services of the film programs.

By 1996, the Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival had become so successful that it was incorporated into an independent not-for-profit 501(c) 3 corporation and was renamed ImageOut. Each year since then has been an ever increasing success. The festival has grown from two venues in 1993 to five venues in 2001. In 2015, ImageOut continues to be the leading provider of LGBT arts and cultural programs in the region and hosts the largest film festival in Rochester and the largest LGBT film festival in New York State. ImageOut is more than a film festival, the six programs and services are:

Annual Film Festival

ImageRaisers

Next Generation Film Series

ImageOutReach

ImageArt

ImageOutWrite

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Scope and Contents

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materials consist of programs, budgets, meeting minutes, planning, photographs, articles, buttons and pins, and posters.

This collection contains materials regarding the Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival that began in 1993. In 1996, the Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival changed its name to ImageOut Film Festival. The collection contains programs for ImageOut from 1993-2010, and 2012-2013. The program for 2011 is not in this collection. It also contains meeting minutes, budgets, correspondence, and other administrative documents from the ImageOut Film Festival.

The materials in this collection regarding the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus includes photographs, articles, and concert programs. The buttons, pins, and posters are related to LBGTQ events and issues from the late 1980's to the early 2000's.

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Arrangement

This collection consists of four boxes divided into five series:

Series I: ImageOut, 1993-2013

Series II: Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, 1989-2003

Series III: Pins and Buttons 1989-1994, undated

Series IV: Posters 1989-1990, undated

Series V: Miscellaneous, 1989,1994

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Avenue, Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607 on August 11, 2016 [Acquisition number 2017-017].

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

This project was made possible by a grant from the Documentary Heritage Program of the New York State Archives, a program of the State Education Department.

Processing Information

This collection was kept in the original order in which it was donated to the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County, Local History and Genealogy Division. All metal fasteners were removed, posters were removed from the tube and flattened, and the pins and buttons were removed from the paper files and placed in their own archival box.

Processing Information

According to deed of gift, any duplicates or items found unsuitable to the RPL collections and not retained should be returned to the donor. Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Ave., Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Community organizations -- New York (State) -- Rochester
- Festivals -- New York (State) -- Rochester
- Correspondence
- Posters
- Gay and lesbian film festivals
- Image Out Film Festival

- Gay choirs
- Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
- Rochester Gay Men's Chorus
- ImageOut Film Festival

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“Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus History.” *Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus*. Accessed September 22, 2017. <http://www.thergmc.org/history.html>.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: ImageOut, 1993-2013		box 1-2	
Title/Description	Instances		
Pink Flamingo program, 1991	box 1	folder 7	
Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival planning materials, 1994	box 1	folder 8	
Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival planning materials, 1995	box 1	folder 9	
Image Out! planning materials, 1996	box 1	folder 10	
Image Out! News newsletters, 2001-2003	box 1	folder 11	
Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1993	box 1	folder 12	
Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1994	box 1	folder 13	
Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1995	box 1	folder 14	
Image Out! programs, 1996	box 1	folder 15	
Image Out! programs, 1997	box 1	folder 16	
Image Out! programs, 1998	box 1	folder 17	
Image Out! programs, 1999	box 1	folder 18	

Image Out! programs, 2000	box 1	folder 19
Image Out! programs, 2001	box 2	folder 1
Image Out! programs, 2002	box 2	folder 2
Image Out! programs, 2003	box 2	folder 3
Image Out! programs, 2004	box 2	folder 4
Image Out! programs, 2005	box 2	folder 5
Image Out! programs, 2006	box 2	folder 6
Image Out! programs, 2007	box 2	folder 7
Image Out! programs, 2008	box 2	folder 8
Image Out! programs, 2009	box 2	folder 9
Image Out! programs, 2010	box 2	folder 10
Image Out! programs, 2012	box 2	folder 11
Image Out! programs, 2013	box 2	folder 12
"A Performance Celebration of Image Out" program, 2002	box 2	folder 13

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Series II: Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, 1989-2003	box 1	
Title/Description	Instances	
Rochester Gay Men's Chorus "Making a Big Splash" concert, July 3, 1989	box 1	folder 2
2nd annual Skippy Award, 1991	box 1	folder 3
GALA Festival V photographs, 1996	box 1	folder 5
Rochester Gay Men's Chorus 20th Anniversary celebration, 2003	box 1	folder 6

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Series III: Pins and buttons, 1989-1994, undated	box 3	
Title/Description	Instances	
"Rochester Rams" temporary tattoo, Undated	box 3	object 1-3
1" round pin, "Rochester Rams", Undated	box 3	object 4
1" triangle pin "GALA IV, Denver 1992", 1992	box 3	object 5

1" oblong pin, "1000 Voice Choir, Gay Games IV, Cultural Festival, New York City, 1994", 1994	box 3	object 6
1" rectangular pin, "Festival V, GALA Choruses", Undated	box 3	object 7
1" rectangular pin, AIDS Awareness stamp, Undated	box 3	object 8
1.5" round pins, "I'd rather be gay in Rochester", Undated	box 3	object 9-11
1"x3" patch, "Rochester - Made for Living", Undated	box 3	object 12
0.75" round pin, [No sign] AIDS, Undated	box 3	object 13
1.5" square pin, "We're the Chorus Your Mother Warned You About", Undated	box 3	object 14-15
2" triangle pin, "It's a Gay and Lesbian Thing - Let Me Help You Understand", Undated	box 3	object 16
1" rectangular pin, "The NAMES Project", Undated	box 3	object 17
1.5" square pin, Future generations will turn to you and ask: 'What did you do to end the AIDS crisis?'"', Undated	box 3	object 18
2" square pin, "Keep the Love Alive - NAMES Project, October 6-8, 1989, October 6 - 8, 1989	box 3	object 19
2.5" rectangular pin, "GALA Festival IV, Denver 1992", 1992	box 3	object 20
3" round pin, "Omaha - Stone Wall: A Generation of Pride 20 Years", Undated	box 3	object 21
1" round pin, "Rochester Lambda", Undated	box 3	object 22
1" round pin, "I'm a Friend of Bearhug", Undated	box 3	object 23
1" round pin, "Golden Horseshoe Leather Association - GHLA", Undated	box 3	object 24
1.5" round pin, "Safe Sex Slut", Undated	box 3	object 25
1.5" round pin, "Zero Patience A Movie Musical About AIDS", Undated	box 3	object 26
1.5" round pin, "Just Wear It", Undated	box 3	object 27
1.5" round pin, "Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theater USA", Undated	box 3	object 28
1.75" round pin, "Powers of the Past", Undated	box 3	object 29
1.75" round pin, "Boycott Coors Beer", Undated	box 3	object 30
1.75" round pin, "Picnic Fest '89, Rochester NY", 1989	box 3	object 31
1.75" round pin, "Lesbians and Gay Men for Clinton/Gore", Undated	box 3	object 32
2.5" round pin "Leah Zicari: Wouldn't That Be Fun", Undated	box 3	object 33
2.5" round pin, "GALA V - By Tampa Bay", Undated	box 3	object 34

2.5" round pin, "Mains for Council", Undated	box 3	object 35
2.5" round pin, "Together/The Orpheum/July 1st", Undated	box 3	object 36
2.5" round pin, "Keep Abortion Legal", Undated	box 3	object 37
2.5" round pin, "Twin Cities Men's Chorus, GALA III, Seattle 1989, 1989	box 3	object 38

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Series IV: Posters, 1989-1992, undated		folder OS1
Title/Description	Instances	
20"x8" panoramic photograph of Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, Undated	folder OS1	item 1
17"x22" poster "SUNY Oswego presents Rochester Gay Men's Chorus", March 24, 1990	folder OS1	item 2-3
11"x16" poster "Gloria - Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, December 2 and December 8-9", Undated	folder OS1	item 4-6
18"x24" poster, "Friars III, 248 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY", Undated	folder OS1	item 7
18"x24" poster, "GALA III Festival, Seattle, WA, July 2-8, 1989, July 2-8, 1989	folder OS1	item 8-10
19"x13" "Under the Big Top, Dining for Dollars VI" poster, September 28, 1991	folder OS1	item 11
24"x16" "Heart Strings - The AIDS Memorial Quilt - And You" poster, 1992	folder OS1	item 12

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Series V: Miscellaneous, 1989, 1994		box 1
Title/Description	Instances	
The NAMES Project - AIDS Memorial Quilt booklet, 1989	box 1	folder 1
Rochester City Newspaper, June 23, 1994	box 1	folder 4
"Hey Stud, Call Me" matchbooks, Undated	box 3	object 39-40
Flyers, Undated	box 2	folder 14

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