Guide to the Black Rose Productions Records
2017.019

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Summary Information

Repository: Local History & Genealogy Division
Source: Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
Creator: BlackRose Productions
Title: Black Rose Productions records
ID: 2017.019
Date [inclusive]: 1987-1989
Physical Description: 1.0 Cubic Feet 1 record carton and 1 box. 14 VHS tapes, 1 t-shirt, and 29 folders.
Language of the Material: English
Mixed Materials [box]: 1-2

Abstract: This collection consists of the records of BlackRose Productions, a Rochester, New York based production company. The materials date between 1987 and 1989. The materials consist of VHS tapes, photographs, production planning materials, resumes, scripts, show-related documentation, programs, and ephemera.

Preferred Citation

BlackRose Production Collection, [box#:folder#]. Local History and Genealogy Division, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County N.Y.

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Administrative History

BlackRose Productions was founded in 1987 by three lesbian business women; Susan J. David, Joan Giuffre, and Janet Barberio, because they realized the need for innovative, creative, and diverse theater in the Rochester area. They wanted to use theater as a means of educating, uplifting, and liberating the Rochester community. The first shows The Boys in the Band and A Late Snow opened on October 30, 1987. The Boys in the Band and all other performances were shown at the YMCA Auditorium Theater on North Clinton in Rochester, New York.
Scope and Contents

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The photographs consist of production rehearsals of *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, *Boys in the Band*, *A Late Snow*, and *Mass Appeal*. They also include cast and crew photographs. The photographs are in both black and white and color. They also include negatives.

The VHS tapes consist of rehearsals and public performances. The tapes are each 120 minutes.

The administrative documents consist of handwritten meeting minutes, programs, graphic mock-ups for programs, logos, tickets, and other promotional materials. As well as stage diagrams, licensing forms, cue sheets, scripts, rehearsal schedules, prop lists, office space plans, lease agreements, business cards and articles regarding BlackRose Productions.

Arrangement

This collection consists of two boxes divided into four series:

- Series I: VHS tapes, 1987-1988
- Series IV: Ephemera, Undated
Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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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 2017.019].

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 left in original order. The t-shirt was removed from the original box and placed in its own archival box and wrapped in tissue paper. Archivist removed all metal fasteners and placed news articles in their own acid-free envelopes.

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.
Controlled Access Headings

- Community theater -- New York (State) -- Rochester
- Gay theater
- Lesbian theater
- Businesswomen
- Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
- BlackRose Productions
- Crowley, Mart (Crowley, Mart, 1935- Boys in the band)

Bibliography


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"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" - Rehearsal, December 18, 1987  
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" - Act 1, January 15, 1988  
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