

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

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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.

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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.

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Arrangement

This collection consists of two boxes divided into four series:

Series I: VHS tapes, 1987-1988

Series II: Photographs, 1987-1988

Series III: Administrative Documents, 1987-1989

Series IV: Ephemera, Undated

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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

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this collection.

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.

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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

DeBorah. "Actors Find Challenges in Plays about Gays." *Empty Closet* (Rochester, NY), November 1987.

Miller, M.L. "Women Produce Two Gay Plays." *Empty Closet* (Rochester, NY), October 1987.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: VHS Tapes, 1987-1988		box 1
Title/Description	Instances	
" A Late Snow" - Dress rehearsal, circa 1987	box 1	item 1
"A Late Snow" - Act 1, November 13, 1987	box 1	item 2
"A Late Snow" - Act 2, November 13, 1987	box 1	item 3
"A Late Snow" - Act 1, November 14, 1987	box 1	item 4
"A Late Snow" - Act 2, November 14, 1987	box 1	item 5
"Boys in the Band" - Act 1, October 31, 1987	box 1	item 6
"Boys in the Band" - Act 2, October 31, 1987	box 1	item 7
"Boys in the Band" - Act 1, November 1, 1987	box 1	item 8

"Boys in the Band" - Act 2, November 1, 1987	box 1	item 9
"Mass Appeal", March 5, 1988	box 1	item 10
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" - Rehearsal, December 18, 1987	box 1	item 11
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" - Act 1, January 15, 1988	box 1	item 12
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" - Act 2, January 15, 1988	box 1	item 13
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove", January 16, 1988	box 1	item 14

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Series II: Photographs, 1987-1988	box 1	
Title/Description	Instances	
Boys and Late Snow actors together photographs, circa 1987-1988	box 1	folder 1
"Mass Appeal" photographs, circa 1988	box 1	folder 2
"Boys in the Band" photographs, circa 1987	box 1	folder 3
"A Late Snow" final cast rehearsal on Meigs Street, 1987	box 1	folder 4
"A Late Snow" - first cast, rehearsal on Meigs Street, circa 1987	box 1	folder 5
"Last Summer" rehearsal at YWCA Theater, December 1987	box 1	folder 6
"Last Summer" - Rehearsal at Village Gate, December 1987	box 1	folder 7-8
"Last Summer" cast and crew, circa 1987-1988	box 1	folder 9
"Last Summer" negatives, Undated	box 1	folder 10
"Late Snow" first cast negatives, 1987-1988	box 1	folder 11
"Boys in the Band" negatives, 1987	box 1	folder 12
"Mass Appeal" negatives, 1987-1988	box 1	folder 13
Postcards, circa 1987	box 1	folder 14

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Series III: Administrative Documents, 1987-1989	box 1	
Title/Description	Instances	
Records inventory, Undated	box 1	folder 15
Logo originals, circa 1987	box 1	folder 16
Business, 1987-1989	box 1	folder 17
Miscellaneous, 1987-1988		

	box 1	folder 18
Cast and crew resumes, circa 1980's	box 1	folder 19
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove", 1987-1988	box 1	folder 20
"A Late Snow", 1987	box 1	folder 21
"Boys in the Band", 1987	box 1	folder 22
"Mass Appeal", 1988	box 1	folder 23
"The Killing of Sister George" script, Undated	box 1	folder 24
"The Boys in the Band" script by Mart Crowley, Undated	box 1	folder 25
"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" script by Jane Chambers, Undated	box 1	folder 26
"A Late Snow" script, Undated	box 1	folder 27
Tracy Moore, 1987-1988	box 1	folder 28
"Dyke-ology 101", circa 1988-1989	box 1	folder 29

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Series IV: Ephemera, Undated	box 2
Title/Description	Instances
BlackRose shirt, Undated	box 2

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