



Harry R. Eberlin photographs, circa 1972-1980 : Ms.Coll.4

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Summary Information

Repository:	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
Creator:	Eberlin, Harry R.
Title:	Harry R. Eberlin photographs
ID:	Ms.Coll.4
Date:	circa 1972-1980
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	1 folder
Physical Location:	Collections 6
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Harry R. Eberlin was a prolific photographer who began documenting Philadelphia's lesbian and gay community in the early 1970s. Eberlin contributed photographs to several Philadelphia gay publications, including <i>The Gay Alternative</i> and the <i>Philadelphia Gay News</i> . In the mid 1970s, he was active in such organizations as the Gay Media Project. The Harry R. Eberlin photographs include approximately 100 images of lesbian and gay public events in Philadelphia circa 1972 - circa 1980. These images focus largely on events sponsored by the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia and on public pickets, parades and parties. Most of the images are contact-print sheets made from 35mm black and white negatives, although there are some enlargements.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Harry R. Eberlin was a prolific photographer, averaging more than 1,000 pictures per year from 1960 into the early 1980s. He began documenting Philadelphia's lesbian and gay community in the early 1970s. Eberlin contributed photographs to several Philadelphia gay publications, including *The Gay Alternative* and the *Philadelphia Gay News*. In the mid 1970s, he was active in such organizations as the Gay Media Project.

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Scope and Content Note

The Harry R. Eberlin Photographs include approximately 100 images of lesbian and gay public events in Philadelphia circa 1972 - circa 1980. Exact dates are difficult to determine, since the photographer did not keep written records of his subjects. These images focus largely on events sponsored by the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia and on public pickets, parades and parties. Some photographs of the Gay Switchboard of Philadelphia are included. Most of the images are contact-print sheets made from 35mm black and white negatives, although there are some enlargements.

Identifiable subjects include Tommi Avicolti, Rita Mae Brown, Franklin Kameny, Kiyoshi Kuromiya, Walter Lear, Marcie Maldauer, Tom Malun, John "Sagittarius" Powell and Steve Wigod.

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Conditions Governing Access Note

Contact John J. Wilcox Jr. GLBT Archives of Philadelphia for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gift of Harry R. Eberlin, 1995.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR), using data provided by the John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives

of Philadelphia. The HCI-PSAR project was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was done in the HCI-PSAR project.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials Note

John J. Wilcox Jr. GLBT Archives of Philadelphia: Tommi Avicolti papers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Gay activists
- Gay pride parades
- Gays
- Lesbian activists
- Lesbians
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Eberlin, Harry R.