

## Inventory of the Carol Rossi Papers

(#2000-30)

*Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.*

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Carol Rossi papers

**Collection Number:** 2000-30

**Physical Description:** 6 linear feet (two cartons, one half-size manuscript box, one extra-large oversize box)

**Creator:** Carol Rossi

**Date (inclusive):** 1974-1995, bulk 1990-1995

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** Carol Rossi is an activist who has participated in a number of organizations and protests, including Digital Queers, the Dyke March, Lesbian Avengers, protests against the film *Basic Instinct*, and Queer Nation. The collection contains organizational records, meeting minutes, subject files, ephemera, artifacts, and t-shirts from various queer activist groups, both in San Francisco and nationally.

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**Processing Information:**

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This inventory uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

**Biographical/Organizational History Note:** Carol Rossi is an activist who has participated in a number of organizations and protests, including Digital Queers, the Dyke March, Lesbian Avengers, protests against the film *Basic Instinct*, and Queer Nation.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains organizational records, meeting minutes, subject files, ephemera, artifacts, and t-shirts from various queer activist groups, both in San Francisco and nationally.

**Indexing Terms:**

Lesbians

Homophobia

**Container Listing**

Carton 1:

T-shirts (Lesbian Avengers, Olivia Cruises, and others)

Videos

Lesbian ephemera, including a box of handmade pins

Photocopies of typescripts of scripts for queer films

Carton 2:

"Basic Instinct" protest from the Catherine Did It headquarters in the Castro: ephemera, meeting notes, press release notes

Queer Nation Oscar Action Housing and interest signup sheets (3 folders), 1992

Queer Nation contact sheets, 1991-1992

more protests against homophobia in films

Digital Queers materials, including flyers, brochures, information sheets, 1995

Queer Nation Media Committee flyers and event listings

Queer Rights, Queer Riots video project

Bay Area Queer Summit materials, 1993

Lesbian Avengers--various meeting minutes, 1993

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Media Activism Training Workbook

Letter from Rossi to Chief of Police regarding relations between police and LGBT community  
Notebook, with notes largely pertaining to Queer Nation events

Come Out Comix, 1974

labeled folders in the middle are subject files, mostly clippings and ephemera, but there are more substantive materials, such as evaluations and thoughts about the 1993 Dyke March. Other subjects include include Queer Nation, Dyke March, ACT UP, Homophobia, Digital Queers, and more.

Queer Nation stickers and prototypes.

Box 1:

Stickers, brochures, and flyers from various queer organizations and actions

A small amount of material collected about right-wing and religious groups

Flyers regarding Armenian lesbians

Oversize Folder 1:

Year of the Queer banner, 1991 (on canvas), Lil E Productions

Oversize Folder 2:

Assorted queer protest posters