

# Guide to the David Emert and Jon P. Templin Collection of Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and Image Out Film Festival

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## Summary Information

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**Repository:** Local History & Genealogy Division

**Title:** David D. Emert and Jon P. Templin collection on the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and ImageOut Film Festival

**Identifier:** 2017-017

**Date:** 1989-2013

**Physical Description:** 1.0 Cubic Feet (Three boxes and one over sized file folder. )

**Container Information:** Box 1-3 (Mixed Materials), Folder OS1 (Graphic Materials)

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## Overview

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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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## Arrangement

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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

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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].

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## Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents

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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, 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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## Biographical / Historical

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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:

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

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Processing Information**

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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.

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.

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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“Our History, ImageOut of the Past.” ImageOut: The Rochester LGBT Film Festival. Accessed September 22, 2017. <http://www.imageout.org/history.php>.

”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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## Controlled Access Headings

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

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: ImageOut, 1993-2013

Box 1-2 (Mixed Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1993-2013

#### **Pink Flamingo program, 1991**

Box 1; Folder 7 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1991

#### **Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival planning materials, 1994**

Box 1; Folder 8 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1994

#### **Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival planning materials, 1995**

Box 1; Folder 9 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1995

#### **Image Out! planning materials, 1996**

Box 1; Folder 10 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1996

#### **Image Out! News newsletters, 2001-2003**

Box 1; Folder 11 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2001-2003

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**Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1993**

Box 1; Folder 12 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1993

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**Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1994**

Box 1; Folder 13 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1994

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**Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival programs, 1995**

Box 1; Folder 14 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1995

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**Image Out! programs, 1996**

Box 1; Folder 15 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1996

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**Image Out! programs, 1997**

Box 1; Folder 16 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1997

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**Image Out! programs, 1998**

Box 1; Folder 17 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1998

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**Image Out! programs, 1999**

Box 1; Folder 18 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1999

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**Image Out! programs, 2000**

Box 1; Folder 19 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2000

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**Image Out! programs, 2001**

Box 2; Folder 1 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2001

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**Image Out! programs, 2002**

Box 2; Folder 2 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2002

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**Image Out! programs, 2003**

Box 2; Folder 3 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2003

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**Image Out! programs, 2004**

Box 2; Folder 4 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2004

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**Image Out! programs, 2005**

Box 2; Folder 5 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2005

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**Image Out! programs, 2006**

Box 2; Folder 6 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2006

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**Image Out! programs, 2007**

Box 2; Folder 7 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2007

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**Image Out! programs, 2008**

Box 2; Folder 8 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2008

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**Image Out! programs, 2009**

Box 2; Folder 9 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2009

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**Image Out! programs, 2010**

Box 2; Folder 10 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2010

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**Image Out! programs, 2012**

Box 2; Folder 11 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2012

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**Image Out! programs, 2013**

Box 2; Folder 12 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2013

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**"A Performance Celebration of Image Out" program, 2002**

Box 2; Folder 13 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2002

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**Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival ephemera, 1994-1995**

Box 2; Folder 14 (Mixed Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1994-1995

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**ImageOut ephemera, 2001-2002**

Box 2; Folder 15 (Mixed Materials)

**Date:** Other: 2001-2002

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

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989-2003

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**Rochester Gay Men's Chorus "Making a Big Splash" concert, July 3, 1989**

Box 1; Folder 2 (Text)

**Date:** Other: July 3, 1989

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**2nd annual Skippy Award, 1991**

Box 1; Folder 3 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1991

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**GALA Festival V photographs, 1996**

Box 1; Folder 5 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1996

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**Rochester Gay Men's Chorus 20th Anniversary celebration, 2003**

Box 1; Folder 6 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 2003

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**Series III: Pins and buttons, 1989-1994, undated**

Box 3 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989-1994, undated

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**"Rochester Rams" temporary tattoo, Undated**

Box 3; Object 1-3 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" round pin, "Rochester Rams", Undated**

Box 3; Object 4 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" triangle pin "GALA IV, Denver 1992", 1992**

Box 3; Object 5 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1992

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**1" oblong pin, "1000 Voice Choir, Gay Games IV, Cultural Festival, New York City, 1994", 1994**

Box 3; Object 6 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1994

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**1" rectangular pin, "Festival V, GALA Choruses", Undated**

Box 3; Object 7 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" rectangular pin, AIDS Awareness stamp, Undated**

Box 3; Object 8 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" round pins, "I'd rather be gay in Rochester", Undated**

Box 3; Object 9-11 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1"x3" patch, "Rochester - Made for Living", Undated**

Box 3; Object 12 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**0.75" round pin, [No sign] AIDS, Undated**

Box 3; Object 13 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" square pin, "We're the Chorus Your Mother Warned You About", Undated**

Box 3; Object 14-15 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2" triangle pin, "It's a Gay and Lesbian Thing - Let Me Help You Understand", Undated**

Box 3; Object 16 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" rectangular pin, "The NAMES Project", Undated**

Box 3; Object 17 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**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 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2" square pin, "Keep the Love Alive - NAMES Project, October 6-8, 1989, October 6 - 8, 1989**

Box 3; Object 19 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: October 6 - 8, 1989

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**2.5" rectangular pin, "GALA Festival IV, Denver 1992", 1992**

Box 3; Object 20 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1992

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**3" round pin, "Omaha - Stone Wall: A Generation of Pride 20 Years", Undated**

Box 3; Object 21 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" round pin, "Rochester Lambda", Undated**

Box 3; Object 22 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" round pin, "I'm a Friend of Bearhug", Undated**

Box 3; Object 23 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1" round pin, "Golden Horseshoe Leather Association - GHLA", Undated**

Box 3; Object 24 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" round pin, "Safe Sex Slut", Undated**

Box 3; Object 25 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" round pin, "Zero Patience A Movie Musical About AIDS", Undated**

Box 3; Object 26 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" round pin, "Just Wear It", Undated**

Box 3; Object 27 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.5" round pin, "Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theater USA", Undated**

Box 3; Object 28 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.75" round pin, "Powers of the Past", Undated**

Box 3; Object 29 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.75" round pin, "Boycott Coors Beer", Undated**

Box 3; Object 30 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**1.75" round pin, "Picnic Fest '89, Rochester NY", 1989**

Box 3; Object 31 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989

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**1.75" round pin, "Lesbians and Gay Men for Clinton/Gore", Undated**

Box 3; Object 32 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin "Leah Zicari: Wouldn't That Be Fun", Undated**

Box 3; Object 33 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin, "GALA V - By Tampa Bay", Undated**

Box 3; Object 34 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin, "Mains for Council", Undated**

Box 3; Object 35 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin, "Together/The Orpheum/July 1st", Undated**

Box 3; Object 36 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin, "Keep Abortion Legal", Undated**

Box 3; Object 37 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**2.5" round pin, "Twin Cities Men's Chorus, GALA III, Seattle 1989, 1989**

Box 3; Object 38 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989

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**Series IV: Posters, 1989-1992, undated**

Folder OS1 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989-1992, undated

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**20"x8" panoramic photograph of Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, Undated**

Folder OS1; Item 1 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**17"x22" poster "SUNY Oswego presents Rochester Gay Men's Chorus", March 24, 1990**

Folder OS1; Item 2-3 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: March 24, 1990

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**11"x16" poster "Gloria - Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, December 2 and December 8-9", Undated**

Folder OS1; Item 4-6 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**18"x24" poster, "Friars III, 248 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY", Undated**

Folder OS1; Item 7 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**18"x24" poster, "GALA III Festival, Seattle, WA, July 2-8, 1989, July 2-8, 1989**

Folder OS1; Item 8-10 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: July 2-8, 1989

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**19"x13" "Under the Big Top, Dining for Dollars VI" poster, September 28, 1991**

Folder OS1; Item 11 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: September 28, 1991

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**24"x16" "Heart Strings - The AIDS Memorial Quilt - And You" poster, 1992**

Folder OS1; Item 12 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1992

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**Series V: Miscellaneous, 1989, 1994**

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

**Date:** Other: 1989, 1994

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**The NAMES Project - AIDS Memorial Quilt booklet, 1989**

Box 1; Folder 1 (Text)

**Date:** Other: 1989

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**Rochester City Newspaper, June 23, 1994**

Box 1; Folder 4 (Text)

**Date:** Other: June 23, 1994

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**"Hey Stud, Call Me" matchbooks, Undated**

Box 3; Object 39-40 (Realia)

**Date:** Other: Undated

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**Flyers, Undated**

Box 2; Folder 14 (Graphic Materials)

**Date:** Other: Undated