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Diana Davies

Papers, ca. 1969 - 1978

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Summary

Main Entry:	Davies, Diana.
Title:	Papers, ca. 1969-1978
Size:	3.3 linear ft. (8 boxes)
Source:	Gifts of Diana Davies and Kady Van Deurs, 1994 Gift of Diana Davies, 1995
Abstract:	The collection contains the work of Diana Davies, a photographer known for her documentation of the gay and lesbian rights movement.
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Special formats:	Photographs

Related Materials Note

Additional photographs of the personalities and events of the gay and lesbian rights movement can be found in the International Gay Information Center Archives and related collections. See the guide to [Gay and Lesbian - HIV/AIDS Collections](#).

Biographical Note

Diana Davies began her career as a musician in the early 1960s. Her interest in pursuing photography as a profession began when she took pictures of fellow musicians. Since that time, she has photographed a wide variety of subjects from individuals engaged in daily activities to demonstrations for gay and lesbian rights. Davies' photographs have been published in many newspapers, journals, books, and magazines, such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *WIN Magazine*, *Sing Out! Broadside Magazine*, *Paid My Dues-The Journal of Women in Music* and *The Village Voice*. Davies' pictures have also appeared in many exhibitions. Her photographs are among the collections of The Smithsonian Institution, Howard University, and the Swarthmore College Peace Library. [Excerpted from "PhotoJourney." Photographs by Diana Davies; Bag Lady Press, 1989.]

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists primarily of black and white photographic prints, color slides and negatives taken by Diana Davies during the late 1960s through the 1970s. The subjects include representatives of several New York City gay and lesbian organizations including the Gay Liberation Front and Lavender Menace, and demonstrations, marches and meetings. Individuals photographed include Rita Mae Brown (activist and writer), Jill Johnston (writer and critic), Bob Kohler (co-founder of the Gay Liberation Front), and Kady Van Deurs (activist and writer). The collection also includes printed material and ephemera

Container List

Individual and Group Portraits

Box

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Brown, Rita Mae see: Lavender Menace
Cartisano, Judy see: Lavender Menace
Chris and Cherie
Christian, Meg
Deming, Barbara; Kady Van Deurs and Jill Johnson (New York lesbian conference, 1973).
Jackson, Blanche; Ilana; Carolyn Stride.
Johnston, Jill
Kohler, Bob
Lavender Jane Band
Maxwell, Pat
Mestrell, Sherry
Millet, Kate (*Time* magazine demonstration, 1972)
Rodwell, Craig; and Mei-Mei Sanford (Oscar Wilde bookstore).
Oscar Wilde bookstore graffiti.
Shelley, Martha
Stone, Lee
Trull, Theresa
Van Deurs, Kady (see also: Box 2 "Hold Hands" demonstration;
Gay Liberation Front demonstration, City Hall, NYC; and Gay Pride Crafts Fair.
Unidentified woman wearing Lavender Menace shirt: back turned to camera. Washington,
D.C. 1971.

Organizations and Demonstrations

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Gay rights demonstration in Albany, NY protesting laws against homosexuals, 1971.
Kate Millett and Linda Clarke.
Kate Millett photographed taking notes at the Albany demonstration.
Gay liberation demonstration, New York University, 1970
Gay Liberation Front (GLF)
GLF marches on Times Square, NYC, 1969
GLF, 1969
Dance, 1970
Meeting 1970
Pickets at Time Inc., 1970
Gay Pride march, 1970.
"Hold hands" demonstration on the George Washington Bridge, NYC, 1973.
Lavender Menace Action, 1970
Judy Cartisano
Group portrait
Group portrait and photographs of "Ida".
Group portrait including Rita Mae Brown.
Rita Mae Brown seated next to unidentified woman
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 1976.
Stonewall bar, Greenwich Village, NYC.

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Contact Prints, Slides, and Negatives

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Printed Material

Davies, Diana. *PhotoJourney*. Photographs by Diana Davies.
Belfast, Maine: Bag Lady Press, 1989
Kady. *Panhandling Papers*. Drawings by Paula Gottlieb.
Hadley, Mass.: Common Wealth Printing, 1989.
Kady. *The Notebooks that Emma Gave Me*. Photographs by Diana Davies.
Privately published by K. Van Deurs, 1978
Assorted ephemera and newspapers.

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Additions: Contact Prints and Negatives

Individuals

Rita Mae Brown at Washington Square Church
March Hoffman
Bob Kohler
Rev. Troy Perry

Organizations

Gay Activists Alliance (GAA)
Gay Liberation Front (GLF)
National Organization for Women (NOW)

Events and Actions In New York City

Gay Church, NYC
Forum on gay liberation on WBAI. 1970.
Gay Liberation Day. Christopher Street. 1970.
Gay Liberation Forum. Washington Square Church
Gay Pride March. June 28, 1970
New York University. Weinstein Hall Action.
Oscar Wilde Bookstore, NYC. Oct. 1969
St. Patrick's Demonstration
Time. demonstration Aug. 1970
Today show on gay liberation

Events and Actions Outside New York City

Albany, New York march in 1971.
Berkeley, California. Leo Laurence
Free Article symposium

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Negatives

Rev. Michael Itkin
John Knoebel, Karla Jay and Alan Sample (misidentified as Alan Young)
Kate Millett is "outed" by Ana Sanchez. Columbia University
Gay Liberation Front
Art Show: "The Homosexual." Gallery of Erotic Art. 1970
Gay march on Central Park.
Gay celebration: "Candle Light March." Dec. 1970.
Miscellaneous slides
Broadside: Candlelight March.

Assorted Photographs

Maxine Feldman
Paul Goodman
Martha Shelley, Poet
Kate Millett
Sue Schneider
Ruth Simpson of Daughters of Bilitis
Unidentified male wearing button "Gay Power."
Various photographs of gay and lesbian activists at demonstrations.

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Oversize Photographs

Meeting of gay activists during Weinstein Hall, New York University occupation
Marsha P. Johnson
Exterior of Stonewall
Lesbian & women's liberation supporters of Kate Millett
WBAI-FM radio show on gay rights.
Gays picket a Mafia controlled bar in Greenwich Village