Finding aid of the Joseph Hawkins Photographs of the 1996 Tagata Honen Festival

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Joseph Hawkins photographs of the 1996 Tagata Honen festival
Dates: 1993-1996
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1996)
Collection number: Coll2009-015
Creator: Hawkins, Joseph
Collection Size: 3 oversize boxes 2 linear feet
Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.
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Abstract: Photographs taken by Joseph Hawkins at the 1996 Tagata Honen Festival in Kamaki, Japan. This annual Shinto festival is a fertility rite and a celebration of life, and its key focus is a large phallus carved from a sacred Japanese cypress tree. The collection also includes descriptive labels from an exhibit of the photographs, mementos from the festival, and a 1993 map of Japan.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

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Preferred Citation

Acquisition Information

Processing Information
Collection processed by Stacy Wierenga, September 30, 2009.

Biography
Joseph Hawkins received his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Southern California, with a dissertation on homosexuality in Japan. He took the photographs in this collection at the 1996 Tagata Honen Festival in Kamaki, Japan. This Shinto festival, held annually on March 15, is a fertility rite and a celebration of life, and its key focus is a large phallus carved from a sacred Japanese cypress tree.

Scope and Content of Collection

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The bulk of the collection consists of photographs taken at the 1996 Tagata Honen Festival in Kamaki, Japan, and descriptive labels from an exhibit of the photographs. The collection also includes a sacred rope with pendants used in the festival, a wooden plaque and blank journal depicting phallic effigies, and a 1993 map of Japan.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog:
- Fertility, human--Japan
- Festivals--Japan
- Photographs
- Photography--Exhibitions
- Rites and ceremonies--Japan
- Shinto--Customs and practices
- Shinto--Rituals

Box : Item 1 : 1-18  **Photographs 1996**  
Physical Description: 18 photographs.

Box : Item 1 : 1  **Mochi 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 2  **Men pulling cat 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 3  **Spectators 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 4  **Prince's shrine 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 5  **Cart with phallic effigy 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 6  **Young woman 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 7  **Men accompanying young women 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 8  **Women at entrance of main shrine 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 9  **Cedar bucket with sake 1996**  
Physical Description: 3 photographs : 4 x 6 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 10  **Men pulling cart 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 11  **Phallic effigy in front of shrine 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 12  **Participants kissing phallic effigy 1996**  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 13  Phallic effigies 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 14  Men with phallic effigy on cart 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 15  Festival participants 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 9.5 x 14 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 16  Man pulling phallic effigy on cart 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 11 x 14 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 17  Cask of sake 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 1 : 18  Cart passing beneath doorway 1996  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted.

Box : Item 2 : 1  Exhibit labels 1996  
Physical Description: 19 pieces

Box : Item 2 : 2  Map of Japan 1993

Box : Item 2 : 3  Wooden plaque depicting phallic effigy 1996

Box : Item 2 : 4  Blank journal with phallic effigy on front cover 1996

Box 3  Shimonawa (sacred rope) with paper flax pendants 1996