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## **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 boxes2 linear feet

**Repository:** ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

**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.

### Publication Rights

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### Preferred Citation

Box #, item #, Joseph Hawkins Photographs of the 1996 Tagata Honen Festival, Coll2009-015, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California.

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Joseph Hawkins, 1998.

### 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

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Box : Item 1 : 1-18	<b>Photographs 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 18 photographs.
Box : Item 1 : 1	<b>Mochi 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 2	<b>Men pulling cat 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 3	<b>Spectators 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 4	<b>Prince's shrine 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 5	<b>Cart with phallic effigy 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 6	<b>Young woman 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 7	<b>Men accompanying young women 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 8	<b>Women at entrance of main shrine 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 9	<b>Cedar bucket with sake 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 photographs : 4 x 6 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 10	<b>Men pulling cart 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 11	<b>Phallic effigy in front of shrine 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 12	<b>Participants kissing phallic effigy 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.

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Box : Item 1 : 13	<b>Phallic effigies 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 14	<b>Men with phallic effigy on cart 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 8 x 12 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 15	<b>Festival participants 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 9.5 x 14 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 16	<b>Man pulling phallic effigy on cart 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 11 x 14 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 17	<b>Cask of sake 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted.
Box : Item 1 : 18	<b>Cart passing beneath doorway 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photograph : 12 x 8 in. ; col. ; mounted. <b>Physical Description:</b> .
Box : Item 2 : 1	<b>Exhibit labels 1996</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 19 pieces
Box : Item 2 : 2	<b>Map of Japan 1993</b>
Box : Item 2 : 3	<b>Wooden plaque depicting phallic effigy 1996</b>
Box : Item 2 : 4	<b>Blank journal with phallic effigy on front cover 1996</b>
Box 3	<b>Shimonawa (sacred rope) with paper flax pendants 1996</b>