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**Title:** Deadlee collection

**creator:** Deadlee

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**Physical Description:** 0.1 Linear Feet1 folder

**Date (inclusive):** 1967, 1997-2009

**Abstract:** Fliers, programs, and clippings of openly gay rapper and hip hop artist, performance artist, and actor, Deadlee (Joseph Lee). The materials document his career from 2001-2009.

**Content Description**

Fliers, programs, and clippings of openly gay rapper and hip hop artist, Deadlee (Joseph Lee), primarily from 1997-2009. Includes a signed copy of John Rechy's book *Numbers*, which inspired the hip hopera *Doomed Angels*.

**Separated Materials**

**CDs separated to the ONE audiovisual collection**

- Deadlee. 7 Deadlee Sins.

**Separated to the ONE poster collection**

Deadlee in a white T-shirt and two necklaces, with electrical tape across his mouth and "NO H8" written on his cheek.

**Biographical / Historical**

Deadlee (Joseph Lee) is an openly gay rapper and hip hop artist, performance artist, and actor of Mexican American and African American descent. He released the albums "7 Deadlee Sins" in 2002 and "Assault With a Deadlee Weapon" in 2006, employing controversial lyrics dealing with violence, race, class, and sexuality. He has done live theater such as "Street Cred 101: The Hip Hopera," been involved with tours such as the Hip Hop Homo Tour, and worked as an actor in numerous productions. In 2013, he married his partner and changed his last name to LeMar, a confluence of Lee and Martinez, his partner's last name.

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- Gay actors -- United States
- Performance art -- United States
- Deadlee