Finding aid to the Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance records, 1980-2012
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The Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA) collection consists of board minutes, agendas, financial records, UGA and UGLA newsletters, articles of incorporation, bylaws, UGLA’s "Book of History and Procedures," brochures, membership records, clippings about UGLA, photographs and video recordings. The organization serves the Northeastern Los Angeles LGBT community as a philanthropic and educational non-profit, adhering to its mission as a community network source for gays and lesbians, and an educational service to the public at large.

The Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA) was founded in 1983 as the Uptown Gay Alliance (UGA) soon after the murder of Robert (Bobby) Brown, a 24 year-old gay man who was robbed, assaulted and shot after leaving The Bon Mot, a gay bar in Northeast Los Angeles located on Avenue 41 and Figueroa. It was the second such murder within two years and no suspects were brought to trial after the lack of a serious investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). In a meeting led by Gus DiClario, realtor and owner of Uptown Properties, UGA was formed and in 1985 became UGLA.

The organization still serves the Northeastern Los Angeles LGBT community as a philanthropic and educational non-profit, adhering to its mission as a community network source for gays and lesbians, and an educational service to the public at large.

As a community leader, UGLA has led a number of activities and instilled a sense of neighborhood in the region. In 1980 UGLA members raised money to help those fighting HIV during the AIDS epidemic and in 1989 began its support of AIDS Healthcare Foundation. UGLA began its most well-known fundraiser called Uptown Cabaret in 1990, partnered with Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway program in 1993, and began its Matching Funds charitable program in 1996. In 2001 the organization marched in the Northeast Holiday Program for the first time, and in 2008 it officiated five same-sex marriage ceremonies and raised funds against Proposition 8.

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The Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance collection consists of board minutes, agendas, financial records including those accumulated by Treasurer Ron Crabtree, UGA and UGLA newsletters, articles of incorporation, bylaws, UGLA’s "Book of History and Procedures," papers accumulated by President Carl Matthes, brochures, membership records, clippings about UGLA, photographs and video recordings. The collection dates from 1980 to 2012, with the bulk from 1989-2005. Administrative records include those of fundraising performances produced by UGLA, notably the Uptown Cabaret programs, flyers, photographs, and artist biographies. The collection also includes records relating to the involuntary termination of Ralph Lewis from the Bill Baily Committee, and a facsimile of a 1983 newspaper clipping about the murder of...
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Robert Brown from the *Los Angeles Times*.

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- Lesbian community -- California -- Los Angeles County
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- Social groups -- California -- Los Angeles County
- Johnson, Carl H.
- Matthes, Carl

**Administrative records** Series 1 1980-2012

**Scope and Contents**
This series comprises material from the UGLA board of directors, as well as administrative records from its social activities and fundraising events, particularly the annual Uptown Cabaret.

**Arrangement**
This series is divided into two subseries: 1.1) Board of directors and 1.2) Events and other activities

**Board of directors** Subseries 1.1 1984-2012

**Scope and Contents**
This subseries comprises UGLA articles of incorporation, bylaws, meeting minutes, agenda and financial records, including documents collected by Treasurer Ron Crabtree. The materials date from 1984-2012.

**Arrangement**
Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are at the beginning with the remaining files arranged chronologically.

Box 3, Folder 21-22
- Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
- Minutes April 1987-April 1990
- Minutes April 1988-April 1989
- Minutes 1989-1990
- Minutes and Agenda 1989-2001
- Minutes and UGLA News April 1990-April 1991
- Minutes, Correspondence, Membership, Guest List, UGLA News Cover 1990-1992
- Minutes, UGLA News April 1991-April 1992
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- Minutes and UGLA News April 1994-May 1995
- Minutes and Treasurer Records 1995-1996
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**Events and other activities Subseries 1.2 1980-2010**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries consists of UGLA's event and activity records most notably programs, artist headshots and biographies, and advertisements from 1993-2006. Activity records include membership directories, mixer announcements, event service contracts, and the Ralph Lewis and Carl Johnson lawsuit.

**Arrangement**

Folders pertaining to UGLA's annual event Uptown Cabaret are at the beginning with the remaining folders arranged alphabetically.

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Box 3, Folder 4  Eagle Rock Community Benefit Concert Program 1999
Box 9, Folder 3  Event Administrative Records 2000
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Box 9, Folder 5  Harrison, Hugh, Pride Playhouse Collection undated
Box 8, Folder 1  "Hero Fag" Torn Fragment from Banner undated
Box 3, Folder 38  History of UGLA 1986-1999
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Box 3, Folder 40  Lewis, Ralph 1998-2001
Box 3, Folder 41  Lewis, Ralph, and Carl Johnson Lawsuit 1998-2001
Box 3, Folder 42  Los Angeles Times Article, Robert Brown 1983
Box 9, Folder 4  Marriage Mixer, Weddings 2008

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Includes 1 DVD and 1 CD.

Box 3, Folder 31  Matthes, Carl Papers 1992
Box 3, Folder 29  Matthes, Carl Papers 2006-2007
Box 3, Folder 30  Matthes, Carl Community Outreach Certificate 1997
Box 3, Folder 43  Membership Directory 1989
Box 3, Folder 44  Membership Directory, Boy Scouts Policy 1994
Box 3, Folder 45  Menus 2006
Box 3, Folder 46  Menus and Event Service Contract 1999-2002
Box 3, Folder 47  Miscellaneous 2002-2005
Box 3, Folder 48  Mixer 1988-2003
Box 3, Folder 49  Newsletter Layout Materials 1995-2005
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Box 3, Folder 19  Romanosky and Phillips Benefit Concert 1988
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Box 3, Folder 51  Website Printouts About UGLA 2005-2010

Photographs Series 2 1994-2011
Scope and Contents
This series comprises photographs and negatives of UGLA events, meetings, and members; as well as photographs used for UGLA's newsletter or publicity material.

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 4  Anniversary Party 2000
Box 4  Board Meeting 2003
Box 4  Cabaret undated
Box 4  Cabaret 1994
Box 4  Cabaret 2002
Box 4  Cabaret 2003
Box 4  Cabaret 2005
Box 4  Car Show 2000
Box 4  Carl Roe and Others undated
Box 4  Carl's Hummer undated
Box 4  Christmas at Macy and Nic's 2002
Box 4  Christmas Parade undated
Box 4  Christmas Sale undated
Box 4  Costume Party 2000
Box 5  Dance Cultural Center undated
Box 5  Dance at Cultural Center Eagle Rock undated
| Box 5 | Festival of Trees undated |
| Box 5 | Firehouse Dinner undated |
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| Box 5 | Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Awards 2002 |
| Box 5 | Getty Museum undated |
| Box 5 | Guest Artists undated |
| Box 5 | Images from Newsletters 1998-2003 |
| Box 5 | Las Vegas Night undated |
| Box 5 | Monte Carlo Night undated |
| Box 5-6 | Miscellaneous undated |
| Box 6 | Mixers 1999-2006 |
| Box 7 | Mixer Bob and Noel 2005 |
| Box 7 | Mixer Camille's undated |
| Box 7 | Mixer at Carl-Carl undated |
| Box 7 | Mixer at Flower Shop 2000 |
| Box 7 | Mixer Glassell Park 2002 |
| Box 7 | Mixer at Michael N. 2005 |
| Box 7 | Mixer in the Park 1998 |
| Box 7 | Newsletter Images undated |
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| Box 7 | Northeast Los Angeles Pride Day; Building Damage August 2011 |
| Box 7 | Outing undated |
| Box 7 | The Queen undated |
| Box 7 | Recital Carl Matthes undated |
| Box 7 | Special Events 2003 |
| Box 7 | Spirit Cruise 2003 |
| Box 7 | Unidentified People undated |
| Box 7 | Unlabeled undated |

**Video recordings and computer files Series 3 1992-2008**

**Scope and Contents**

This subseries consist of Uptown Cabaret video recordings (VHS, U-matic and DVD) dating from 1992-2008, and administrative files stored on floppy disks.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following order: VHS, U-matic, DVD and floppy disks.

**Item VV3540**

**Uptown Cabaret 1992**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3541**

**Uptown Cabaret, No Sound 1993**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3542**

**Uptown Cabaret 1994**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3543**

**Uptown Cabaret Act 2, Original 1996**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3544**

**Uptown Cabaret Out in the Old West 1996**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3545**

**Uptown Cabaret, Original 1997**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).

**Item VV3546**

**Uptown Cabaret 2000**

Physical Description: 1 videotape (VHS).
Item VV3547  Uptown Cabaret, Act 1 2000  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3548  Uptown Cabaret, Part 1 2001  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3549  Uptown Cabaret, Part 1 2001  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3550  Uptown Cabaret, Part 2 2001  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3551  Uptown Cabaret, Part 2 2001  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3552  Uptown Cabaret, Bradley Theatre 2002  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VV3553  Uptown Cabaret 2005  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).

Item VU0306  Uptown Cabaret Goes Downtown, Master A February 22, 1998  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (U-matic).

Item VU0307  Uptown Cabaret Goes Downtown, Master B February 22, 1998  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (U-matic).

Item VU0308  Uptown Cabaret Goes Downtown, Master C February 22, 1998  
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (U-matic).

Box 9  Los Angeles City Council May 23, 2008  
Physical Description: 1 DVD.

Box 9  A Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Perspective 2008  
Physical Description: 1 DVD.

Box 9  Address List A.A.A. undated  
Physical Description: 1 floppy disk (5 1/2 in.).

Box 9  David Phone Book undated  
Physical Description: 1 floppy disk (5 1/2 in.).

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Box 9  Membership Address List undated  
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Box 9  UGA Letters, Mixers undated  
Physical Description: 1 floppy disk (5 1/2 in.).

Box 9  UGA Minutes undated  
Physical Description: 1 floppy disk (5 1/2 in.).
Box 9  **UGA News undated**

Physical Description: 1 floppy disk (5 1/2 in.).