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Title: John Fitzgerald Keitel film collection
creator: Keitel, John Fitzgerald
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2017-016
Physical Description: 3 Linear Feet 18 reels of film and 1 box.
Date (inclusive): 1991-1999
Abstract: Film prints (16mm and 35mm) and publicity material, 1991-1999, from Los Angeles filmmaker John Fitzgerald Keitel. The collection includes prints and trailers for the student film Counterpoint; the documentary short An All-American Story (circa 1991); and the feature film Defying Gravity (1997), about "a macho fratboy who falls in love with his openly gay friend and grapples with his changing sense of self."
Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically.
Biographical / Historical
John Fitzgerald Keitel is a graduate of Stanford University (AB Human Biology and Drama) and the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts (MA Cinema and Television Production). Keitel has worked as a producer, director, writer, cinematographer and/or editor for numerous productions in film and television, including LGBT-themed films and documentaries such as Defying Gravity, Justly Married, Prodigal Sons, Fred, and content for CurrentTV.
Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open to researchers. The original films in this collection are deposited in conjunction with the Outfest Legacy Project at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required for researchers wishing to access these materials.
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of John Fitzgerald Keitel, September 8, 2016.
Preferred Citation
Processing Information
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Scope and Contents
18 reels of film (16mm and 35mm) and publicity material, 1991-1999, from Los Angeles filmmaker John Fitzgerald Keitel. The collection includes prints and trailers for the student film Counterpoint; the documentary short An All-American Story (circa 1991); and the feature film Defying Gravity (1997), about "a macho fratboy who falls in love with his openly gay friend and grapples with his changing sense of self." The collection also includes publicity photographs, press kits, and a film festival program for Defying Gravity.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gays in motion pictures
Motion pictures (visual works)

Item Film
#01-#04

An All-American Story, 16mm print circa 1991
Physical Description: 4 reels (16mm).
Conditions Governing Access
The film reels (16mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.
Item Film #05  **Counterpoint, John Keitel student film undated**

- Physical Description: 1 reel (16mm).
- Conditions Governing Access
  The film reels (16mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.

**Defying Gravity**

Item Film #06-#08  **Defying Gravity 1997**

- Physical Description: 3 reels (16mm).
- Conditions Governing Access
  The film reels (16mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.

Item Film #09-#10  **Defying Gravity circa 1996-1997**

- Physical Description: 2 reels (16mm).
- Conditions Governing Access
  The film reels (16mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.

Item Film #11-#17  **Defying Gravity trailers circa 1996-1997**

- Physical Description: 7 rolls (35mm).
- Conditions Governing Access
  The film reels (35mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.

Item Film #18  **Defying Gravity trim circa 1996-1997**

- Physical Description: 1 roll (35mm).
- Conditions Governing Access
  The film reels (35mm) are stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Advance notice is required to access these materials.

Box 1, Folder 1  **Film festival program and clipping 1999**

- Scope and Contents
  Includes entry for Defying Gravity.

Box 1, Item 5  **Music score circa 1996-1997**

- Physical Description: 1 digital audio tape (DAT) cassette.

Box 1, Folder 2  **Press kits circa 1996-1997**
Box 1, Folder 3  **Publicity photographs and negatives circa 1996-1997**
Box 1, Folder 4  **Publicity slides circa 1996-1997**
Box 1, Item 6  **Video art circa 1996-1997**

- Physical Description: 1 zip disk.