Descriptive Summary

Title: San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps collection

Dates: 1977-2012

Collection Number: 2017-07

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103

Abstract: This collection contains administrative materials and ephemera related to the oldest openly-gay musical group in the world, the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps. The Band was founded in 1978 by Jon Sims in response to Anita Bryant’s anti-gay campaign. It was later known as the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation
San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps collection. GLBT Historical Society

Acquisition Information
Gift of Steven F. Scholl on January 24, 2017.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Music
Gay men
Lesbians