Tranny Fest collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Tranny Fest collection
Dates: 1997-2003
Collection Number: 2006-26
Creator/Collector: 
Extent: 7.1 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: 7.1 linear feet (7 cartons, 1 oversize folder)
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society in 2006 by Christopher Lee, Al Austin and Elise Hurwitz.

Biography/Administrative History
Founded in 1997 and originally named Tranny Fest, San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) was North America’s first transgender film festival. SFTFF organized its first festival for the same reason so many other marginalized communities have organized film festivals: the absence of authentic representations of their lives and experiences in the mainstream commercial media. Originally a biennial event, SFTFF screened films and videos by transgender and gender variant media artists whose work challenged stereotypes. They primarily served filmmakers with extremely limited access to venues. After five biannual festivals, overwhelming audience demand led the organizers to begin staging the Festival as an annual event in 1997. (from http://www.sftff.org/about-us)

Scope and Content of Collection
The Tranny Fest Collection documents the film festival from 1997-2003. The bulk of the collection consists of the Tranny Fest Media Library, which includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for Tranny Fest and recordings of Tranny Fest events and performances. These materials have not been sorted. The collection also includes administrative records; programming materials; email correspondence; festival publicity, including programs, press releases and press kits; ephemera; posters; photographs; and news clippings and articles about the festival.

Indexing Terms
Transgender people
Motion pictures

Guide to the Tranny Fest collection