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Guide to the

House/Ballroom files

bulk 1990s

Sc MG 893

Summary

Title: House/Ballroom files

Date: bulk 1990s

Size: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Materials acquired by Steven G. Fullwood, former Associate Curator of the Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; and donated to the Schomburg Center in 2004.

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Abstract: This collection features printed matter on individual Houses from the House/Ballroom scene, some well-known and some lesser-known.

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Related Materials:

In the Life Archive (ITLA) miscellaneous collections, Sc MG 736, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Creator History

The In the Life Archive (ITLA), originally known as the Black Gay and Lesbian Archive (BGLA), was created by Steven Fullwood in 1999, to aid in the documentation and preservation of cultural materials produced by and about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people of African descent. In 2004, the collection was donated to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and it was renamed around 2013. The name ITLA was inspired by *In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology*, edited by Joe Beam (1986).

LGBTQ ballroom competitions started in the 1970s, in New York City, as a safe haven for Black and brown young people; many participants in ball culture also belong to groups known as "Houses", which serve as families for their members.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by House name.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American gay men
Dance -- Competitions
Drag balls
Gay rights
Sexual minorities

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Allure
- b. 1 f. 2 Chanel
- b. 1 f. 3 Christian Bazaar
- b. 1 f. 4 Diore
- b. 1 f. 5 Ebony
- b. 1 f. 6 Exotique
- b. 1 f. 7 Infinity
- b. 1 f. 8 Jourdan
- b. 1 f. 9 Karan
- b. 1 f. 10 Labelija
- b. 1 f. 11 Latex
- b. 1 f. 12 Milan
- b. 1 f. 13 Moschino
- b. 1 f. 14 Moshood
- b. 1 f. 15 Prestige
- b. 1 f. 16 Revlon
- b. 1 f. 17 Ultra Omni
- b. 1 f. 18 Various
- b. 1 f. 19 Xtravaganza