

**Finding Aid to the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival Collection, 1997-2003
(2006-26)**

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection title: San Francisco Transgender Film Festival Collection

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Creator:

San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

Date (inclusive): 1997-2003

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Abstract: Founded in 1997, the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) was North America's first transgender film festival. This collection documents the festival from 1997-2003.

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Acquisition Information:

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Processing Information:

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Organizational Information:

Founded in 1997, the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) was North America’s first transgender film festival. At its foundation, the festival was known as “Tranny Fest.” In the late 1990s, “tranny” was a piece of friendly slang trans people used to refer to each other; it has since become a slur used against trans people. Many materials and folders in the collection use the former name, which is included in this finding aid for reasons of accuracy, as this was the festival’s name for the entire period this collection covers.

SFTFF was founded by trans people who felt the lack of authentic representations of their lives and experiences in the mainstream 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, audience demand led the organizers to begin staging the Festival as an annual event in 1997. SFTFF celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2022.

Scope and Content:

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) Collection documents the film festival from 1997-2003. The bulk of the collection consists of the festival’s media library, which includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for the festival and recordings of festival 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.

Arrangement: Collection arranged to the file level.

Container Listing

Carton 1, Folder 1	Badges and Ticket Stubs, 1997
Carton 1, Folder 2	Financial Records, 1997-1999
Carton 1, Folder 3	Grant, 1997
Carton 1, Folder 4	Miscellaneous Paperwork, 1997
Carton 1, Folder 5	Christopher Schedule, Ari Design, 1998
Carton 1, Folder 6	Marquee Posters, 1997-1998
Carton 3, Folder 1	Film, Programming, Research, T’Films, 1997-1998
Carton 3, Folder 2-4	Mailing Lists/Groups Info, 1997-1999 (3 folders)
Carton 3, Folder 5	Christopher Lee, <i>Sex, Flesh and Blood</i> , and <i>Alley of the Tranny Boys</i> , 1998-1999
Carton 1, Folder 7	To Beth Doyle re: Database Additions, Literature Table, 1998-1999 (LGBT ephemera)

Carton 1, Folder 8	1998 Miscellany, including correspondence, notes, a few administrative and financial records
Carton 3, Folder 6	Phaze I, III, 1998 (notebooks)
Carton 1, Folder 9	Phaze III, 1999 (notebook)
Carton 1, Folder 10	Programming Film Considerations, 2000-2001
Carton 1, Folder 11	Tranny Fest 2001
Carton 1, Folder 12	2001 Programming
Carton 1, Folder 13	Video Lounge, 2001
Carton 3, folder 7	Video Lounge, 2001
Carton 1, Folder 14-16	Roxie Entry Forms and Photos, Program Films, 2001
Carton 1, Folder 17	Andrea Burnett, publicist, Tranny Fest 2001 (PR)
Carton 3, Folder 8	Miscellaneous, undated
Carton 1, Folder 18	Faxes, 1997-1999
Carton 1, Folder 19-24	Tranny Fest Email, 1997-2003
Carton 2, Folder 1	Tranny Fest Email, 2003
Carton 2, Folder 2-5	Al Austin Emails and Correspondence (may include emails from other TF staff), 1997-2002
Carton 2, Folder 6	Correspondence to Dina Boyer, with photos, undated
Carton 3, folder 9	Robyn Richardson, LYRIC, Art, undated
Carton 2, Folder 7	Photographs, Slides of work by artist Greg Mikulan, original drawing, 1999-2000, undated
Carton 2, Folder 8-10	Photos and Negatives, circa 1997-2003
Carton 2, Folder 11	Tranny Fest Logo and Poster (CD-ROM, 3-1/2" floppy disks)
Carton 2, Folder 12-14	Programs, Press Releases, Press Kits, Ephemera, Administrative Records, 1997-2003
Carton 3, Folder 10-11	Program Descriptions, Correspondence, Schedules, Submission Forms, 2003 (2 folders)
Carton 3, Folder 12	3-1/2" Floppy Disks (MAC)—Photos, Blurbs, Cover Art, etc. undated
Carton 2, Folder 15	Proclamations
Carton 2, Folder 16-18	Film Contacts, 1997-1999
Carton 2, Folder 19	Other Festival Catalogs, 1996-2002
Carton 2, Folder 20-21	International Festival Distributor Catalogs, 2000-2001
Carton 2, Folder 22-23	Articles, 1997-1998
Carton 2, Folder 24-25	Press Insert Foldover
Carton 2, Folder 26	Press, 2001
Carton 2, Folder 27-28	News Clippings, Press, 1996-2003
Carton 2, Folder 29	Trans, LGBT Ephemera, Information, 1996-2000, undated
Carton 2, Folder 30	Nan Kinney, Fatale Video, 1999-2002
Carton 3	Tranny Fest Mug

Carton 4 VHS, Beta, 3/4" videotape

Tranny Fest Media Library, includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for films, trailers for Tranny Fest

Carton 5 VHS, 3/4" videotape, Hi8, audiotapes

Tranny Fest Media Library, includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for Tranny Fest, Tranny Fest events, music

Carton 6 VHS

Tranny Fest Media Library, includes films submitted to the festival, transgender material from television, some commercially released films (that were probably shown at the festival)

Carton 7 VHS, 3/4" videotape

Tranny Fest Media Library, includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for Tranny Fest, some commercially released films (that were probably shown at the festival)

Carton 8 VHS, 3/4" videotape

Tranny Fest Media Library, includes films submitted to the festival, trailers for films, trailers for Tranny Fest

Oversize Folder 1

Posters