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News From ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives

February 2014

Greetings!

2014 is in full swing and so are we here at ONE Archives! A new year means many new programs coming your way. ONE just opened the exhibition **Marie Høeg Meets Klara Lidén** at the main archive last Friday. Organized by the Norwegian artist run platform **FRANK**, this exhibition, on view through June 2014, marks the first showing by Lidén in Los Angeles, and the first exhibition of photographs by Høeg outside of Scandinavia.

This week we will present two excited programs with scholars and filmmakers from Eastern Europe! **Queer in the Other Europe** begins with a panel at ONE Archives on Wednesday, February 26th and concludes with a screening on Thursday the 27th of the Hungarian documentary *Secret Years* at USC. Both events are free and open to the public!

We are half way through our two-year Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) grant and already the number of collections processed and made available have transformed our understanding of gay rights activism in California and across America. An update on some of the wonderful collections processed as part of this grant is below.

Hope to see you at our upcoming programs!

Queer in the Other Europe



LGBTQ culture in Eastern Europe was transformed in the liberal post-Soviet era. Today, a turn toward reactionary political and

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> End-of Year Donor Spotlight

ONE would like say a **BIG** thank you to all the many generous donors who gave end of year gifts in 2013 to support ONE's mission of collecting, preserving, and protecting LGBTQ history, art, and culture. 2013 was our most successful donation drive yet! Donors like you keep ONE vital and growing, so on behalf of all of us at ONE Archivesboard members, archivists, curators, staff and many volunteers- we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for remembering ONE in 2013 when it came time to make

religious ideologies is threatening the recently found freedom of queer Eastern Europe. A two-part series will explore queer culture, activism, and contemporary histories in the region.

Panel Discussion: Queer in the Other Europe Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 7-9pm

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives 909 West Adams Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90007

Admission is free.

Please RSVP: For USC Students, Staff and Faculty, <u>click here</u>. For members of the public, <u>click here</u>.

When Communist regimes fell across Eastern Europe, a widespread sense of social optimism inspired many LGBTQ groups to push for greater equality and visibility. Subsequent right-wing insurgencies and a turn toward fundamentalist religious traditions have thwarted LGBTQ social movements and led to harsh repression of gay-pride parades, street protests, and political theatre. This discussion will examine such a turn of events as experienced in both Poland and Russia and how these transformations affect LGBTQ issues and communities around the world. Moderated by Anastasia Kayiatos, Visiting Professor of Russian and Women's Studies at Macalester College, the panel features contemporary artist Anna Viola Hallberg, whose work State of Mind (2006-08) looks at the LGBTQ community in St. Petersburg; Polish scholar and curator Pawel Leszkowicz; and Moscow-based historian Ira Roldugina.

More information on the panel here.



Screening: Secret Years Thursday, February 27, 2014, 7-9pm

The Ray Stark Family Theatre USC School of Cinematic Arts 108 USC University Park Campus your end of year charitable gifts.

ONE Receives a Historic Donation from American Foundation of Equal Rights

ONE Archives would like to thank the <u>American</u> <u>Foundation for Equal</u> <u>Rights</u> for their recent donation of materials. AFER donated several historic items to ONE, including signed Supreme Court briefs from their groundbreaking victory in California against Prop 8.

ONE also received a playbill and audio recording from "8", a play by AFER and Academy-award winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black (Milk, J. Edgar) that chronicles the landmark trial of Perry v. Schwarzenegger. Using the actual court transcripts from the federal trial of California's Prop. 8 and first-hand interviews, "8" shows both sides of the debate in a moving 90minute play. Los Angeles, CA 90089-2211

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During the repressive Cold War era, most lesbians in Hungary lived clandestine lives. After the fall of communism in 1989, lesbians experienced a brief period of openness. Today, growing hostility to sexual minorities has again forced many lesbians in Hungary to hide their identities. Secret Years is a 2009 documentary that includes rare interviews with multiple generations of lesbians living in Hungary. The first Hungarian documentary of its kind, *Secret Years* explores lesbian responses to the successive waves of repression, openness and radical conservatism that have shaped Hungarian society in the recent past. The screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmakers **Anna Borgos** and **Mária Takács** moderated by **Anastasia Kayiatos**, Visiting Professor of Russian and Women's Studies at Macalester College.

More information on the screening <u>here</u>.

EZTV: Video Transfer

SAVE THE DATE!

EZTV: Video Transfer opens at the ONE Gallery Saturday, March 15, 2014



Saturday, March 15, 2014 Screening: The EZTV Eye, 5-6:30pm West Hollywood City Council Chambers 625 North San Vicente Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069



ONE Archives announces collaboration with the Lowell Unified School District



After the successful launch of the ONE Archives/Project SPIN fully integrated LGBTQ high school history curriculum for the Los Angeles Unified School District, we are excited to announce a new collaboration with Lowell Unified, the second largest school district in Massachusetts.

Lowell's groundbreaking efforts to implement an LGBT inclusive history curriculum for their high schools has gained tremendous support from so many in Massachusetts, including Governor Deval

Opening Reception: EZTV: Video Transfer, 6:30-9pm

ONE Archives Gallery & Museum 626 North Robertson Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069

Admission is free - suggested \$5 donation

ONE Archives presents *EZTV: Video Transfer* at the ONE Archives Gallery & Museum in West Hollywood, an exhibition and screening series on the alternative video gallery EZTV, founded by pioneering videomaker John Dorr in West Hollywood in 1979. The exhibition explores the space's early support of queer video projects, as well as more generally its involvement with alternative video practices, performance, art and community-building. Prior to the opening reception on March 15, 2014, ONE will present a screening of short video projects produced and screened at EZTV from the organization's expansive archives. More information on the exhibition and screening events to be announced shortly!

Check back here for more information.



EZTV Eye Opening Sequence

Marie Høeg Meets Klara Lidén

Patrick, Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester and Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren.

ONE looks forward to an ongoing collaboration with Lowell, as with other school districts, to ensure that every LGBT youth is taught that their legacy deserves a place in the classroom.

DONATE NOW

Calling All Materials!

Recently, we received a wonderful donation from long time donor, Mark Thompson, who started his spring cleaning early and dropped off a donation of five boxes of books. Thank you Mark! We also received a donation from another regular donor, Stephen Desroches, who donated many fabulous costumes, headpieces and photo albums, including this amazing headpiece:



lan, a ONE volunteer, modeling a Stephen Desroches headpiece

If you are thinking of clearing out some LGBT materials, please contact ONE at 213-821-2771 to arrange a donation or if you have any questions.



Image: Marie Høeg, Detail of Untitled, 1896-1905. Photograph printed from glass negatives. Courtesy of Preus Museum, Horten

Marie Høeg Meets Klara Lidén

February 21 - June 28, 2014

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ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives presents the Norwegian artist run platform FRANK, directed by Liv Bugge and Sille Storihle, and the exhibition *Marie Høeg Meets Klara Lidén*. Pairing work by contemporary Swedish artist Klara Lidén alongside rediscovered photographs by Norwegian suffragist Marie Høeg (1866-1949), this exhibition marks the first showing by Lidén in Los Angeles, and the first exhibition of photographs by Høeg outside of Scandinavia. Situated within the context of an LGBTQ archive, a space dedicated to the conservation and categorization of history, the meeting between Lidén and Høeg dislocates the narration of history as linear progression through humor, play, and sly performativity.

More information here.

The donation of personal papers and organizational records, including photographs, is greatly appreciated and provides resources for researchers. ONE is also always looking for LGBTQ books, buttons, bumper stickers, flyers, magazines, matchbooks, newsletters, posters, and other ephemera.

ONE in the Headlines

February 1, 2014 Spectrum Los Angeles: Roundup: What's happening in LGBTQ Los Angeles

February 1, 2014 WEHOville:The Gay Rub exhibit at ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives

January 31, 2014 Out in the 562: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives: The Gay Rub exhibit of rubbings from gay history tombstones, signs opens Saturday

January 29, 2014 WEHOville:Steven Reigns' Gay Rub Gives Life to Long Gone People and Places

January 28, 2014

Frontiers:Here's the Rub: ONE Archives Exhibits 100 Rubbings from LGBT <u>History</u>

January 26, 2014 Daily Trojan: ONE Archives develops an LGBT curriculum

January 16, 2014

Out in the 562: Gay history: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives vintage publications recount LA's activism, history

ONE Archives at the Palm Spring Public Library ONE Archives presents an LGBT inclusive history workshop at the Stonewall National Education Project's 2014 Symposium on LGBTQ Youth



ONE Archives and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Project SPIN are excited to be presenting a workshop at the upcoming Stonewall National Education Project's 2014 Symposium on LGBTQ Youth on March 3-5 in Los Angeles. Representatives from 14 school districts will meet to share best practices and tackle touch challenges, focusing on these three pillars: LGBT safety, policy, and curriculum. This year's Symposium includes not only school districts that are at the forefront of the LGBTinclusive education movement, but also those that are just getting started in their consciousness-raising efforts.

The ONE Archives/Project SPIN workshop will examine the specific strategies that ONE Archives and Project SPIN took to successfully pilot our innovative LGBT inclusive history curriculum for the Los Angeles Unified School District, from the beginning stages of crafting a response to the FAIR Education Act, to the design of the curriculum, to the final steps of introducing the curriculum in classrooms. For more information about the Stonewall National Education Project's 2014 Symposium on LGBTQ Youth, click <u>here</u>.

ONE Archives CLIR Grant Update



Photograph of Ester F. Bentley, undated. Ester F. Bentley Photographs and Papers. ONE Archives at the USC Libraries

The collections processed by the GLBT Historical Society and ONE Archives at the USC Libraries in the first year of the generous Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) grant have uncovered people and organizations that have fought

The Significance of LGBT Pulp Fiction



A lecture by Author Katherine Forrest, facilitated by Dr. Christopher Freeman, ONE Archives Board Member

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 6:30pm

Palm Springs Public Library 300 South Sunrise Way Palm Springs, CA 92262

Examine the importance of LGBT Pulp Fiction and its impact on writers of today. Plus learn more about the symbolism of their vivid book cover art. More <u>here</u>. to advance the cause of gay rights, often outside the purview of mainstream recognition. Taken together, they cover the spectrum of gay rights advocacy in California and across the nation, each success building on the next to achieve the freedoms we share today.

The collections give witness to the challenging founding of a gay community services center in a conservative area of Colorado; an anthropological study of the sexual culture of transgender women in Honduras; and a fight to prevent Cobb County, Georgia, which had recently passed anti-gay legislation, from hosting an Olympic competition. The records range from Manuel boyFrank's 1940s correspondence with the first known gay activists in America, Henry Gerber and Frank McCourt, to Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joints' records documenting a groundbreaking queer performance space for such acts as Marga Gomez, Margaret Cho, Whoopi Goldberg, Tom Ammiano, Keith Hennessy, and Justin Vivian Bond.



Photograph of James Carroll Picket, undated. James Carroll Picket Papers. ONE Archives at the USC Libraries

The processing of collections has especially brought to light organizations and circumstances that helped shape the gay rights movement during its formative years in the 1970s. The Pride Foundation records reveal an organization that set the tone for gay culture, services and advocacy in San Francisco. The California Human Rights Advocates records document a surprisingly expansive political advocacy that helped shaped California LGBT politics. The Sexual Law Reporter (SLR) records reveal an influential agency that changed an often homophobic legal system by working behind the scene to educate and inform the members of the judiciary on the field of sexuality and the law.

The Community United Against Violence (CUAV) records document the long-term impact of the nation's first LGBTQQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning) antiviolence organization. The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights records reveal the early floundering steps in organizing the 1979 march and how it developed into one of the most significant organizing efforts in LGBTQ history.

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Make A Difference Now!

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