



What's In Your Drag Closet?

Call for Community Archives: 40 Years of Drag in Watts Exhibition

Share Your Archives & Stories:

One Institute is looking for materials about **drag performance** in West Hollywood for an **exhibition** opening this May. We know that many Watts residents have been here since its founding, and we would like to highlight your role in that history. Materials might include:

- Photographs/videos of drag queens and kings on stage and in the streets
- Photographs/videos of attendees and West Hollywood drag venues
- Costumes, accessories, and props from drag artists
- Flyers advertising drag shows, or press clippings from events
- Stories and oral histories from drag performers
- Other materials relevant to drag in West Hollywood

Submitted photographs, videos, costumes, etc., should ideally be in good condition and able to be loaned and/or reproduced for exhibition. (Unfortunately, not all materials can be included.)

We welcome any material from the 1980s to 2020s—or from earlier decades as long as it relates to performers or venues in what would now be considered West Hollywood.

How to Submit:

If you have any of the above materials available for us to consider, please [please fill out this form](mailto:please@oneinstitute.org) or email please@oneinstitute.org.

-- **Deadline:** Thursday, April 10, 2025

About the Exhibition:

Taking place as part of the City of West Hollywood's 40th Anniversary celebration, One Institute will present an exhibition exploring West Hollywood's colorful history of drag entertainment. From civil rights to media representation, the LGBTQ+ community of West Hollywood has played a definitive role in elevating drag culture throughout Los Angeles and onto an international stage. Incorporating materials from the ONE Archives at the USC Libraries and as well as the community, this exhibition will highlight the vibrant contributions of West Hollywood's drag performers and supporters of LGBTQ+ arts, culture, and civil rights.

The exhibition will be presented at the One Gallery (1326 N Robertson Blvd, West Hollywood) from late May through June 2025.

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