MG 311 - Cross-Dressing in Saskatchewan Collection

Dates: 1983-2004

Extent: .15 m of textual records, 135 photographs, 17 video recordings, 85 posters and 2 artefacts + oversize.

Historical Note: This collection dealing with cross-dressing as entertainment in Saskatchewan was assembled from 2002 to early 2004 by Neil Richards in connection with his exhibition All Frocked Up: Glimpses of Cross-dressing in Saskatchewan. The collection was intended to document and preserve the early development of gay drag in Saskatoon.

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of programs, posters, photographs, video recordings and artefacts documenting the development of gay drag in Saskatchewan. The materials are primarily from Saskatoon with some from Regina, and most date from 1984 to 2004. Also included in the collection are records related to the exhibit All Frocked Up: Glimpses of Cross Dressing in Saskatchewan, produced by Neil Richards in 2003 and presented in the Link Gallery at the University of Saskatchewan. Materials in this collection were donated by Brent Daum, Tim LeMay, Guedo Philipchuk, Neil Richards, Garnet Woloschuk and Maria Jochmaring.

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Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.
I. Programs and Other Publications series - 1 file - 1989-2003

Midnight Carousel/Program for Saskatoon Coronation I (June 17 1989)
Gift of Brent Daum

Rainbow Cabaret. A Family Reunion/Program for Saskatoon Coronation II (June 16 1990)
Gift of Brent Daum

The Dreaming. Shadows and Altered States/Program for Saskatoon Coronation III (June 22 1991)
Gift of Brent Daum

Rapture. A State of Mind/Program for Saskatoon Coronation IV (June 13 1992)
Gift of Brent Daum

A Celebration of Life. A Tribute to Miss Kaye/Program for memorial tribute (July 9 1994)
Gift of Brent Daum

So Long Roxy! Love...a Dream for Tomorrow (February 26 2000)
Gift of Neil Richards

Le Cirque du So Gay: Good-bye to the Circus! (February 24 2001)
2 Copies. Gift of Neil Richards

Written in the Stars. A Fond Farewell to China and Nikolai (February 23 2002)
Gift of Tim LeMay

The 24th Imperial House of Tequila Pigs, Buca Boys & Party Animals Presents...
(April 21 2001 Calgary)
Gift of Tim LeMay

An Evening of Magic & Mysticism, Folklore & Fantasy (February 22 2003)
Gift of Neil Richards

A Night of Soulful Sin and Swingin’ Jazz. Coronation 2003 (September 20 2003)
Gift of Neil Richards

II. Photographs series - 135 photographs, 2 photo CDs - 1983-2003

This series is divided into 5 subseries arranged by the donor of the images.

1. Photographs donated by Brent Daum - 69 photographs - ca. 1989-1990
These photographs belonged to Jim Stevenson, who as Miss K served as Empress I of Saskatoon in 1989 – 1990. The photos were given by Stevenson to Daum, who was his partner for several years before Stevenson’s death in 1992.

BD – 1  left unidentified, right Miss K

BD – 2  Missie La Moo (Rick Meister)

BD – 3  Missie LaMoo and puppet performing (Coronation 1990?)

BD – 4  Chief Ophra Pinkfeather Winfree (Dalton Cameron) at Coronation 1990

BD – 5  Miss K

BD – 6  Missie LaMoo at Coronation 1990

BD – 7  Rick Meister (Missie LaMoo), Jim Stevenson (Miss K) and ??? (Vanna Fortune) in Toronto (These are the first three elected Empresses of Saskatoon)

BD – 8  Justine Tyme from Calgary at Coronation 1990

BD – 9  P. J. Gabbystone of Saskatoon at Coronation 1990

BD – 10  Vanna Fortune of Saskatoon

BD – 11  Ghedo Philipchuk, Miss K and unidentified at Ball in Toronto

BD – 12  Momma Karen of Vancouver and Miss K

BD – 13  Missie LaMoo (out of town??)

BD – 14  Momma Karen of Vancouver at Coronation 1990

BD – 15  Middle Missie LaMoo (two others unidentified) (out of town)

BD – 16  Miss K and Emperor I Ghedo at Coronation 1990

BD – 17  Ghedo, Miss K, (pink dress unidentified), Missie LaMoo and Douglas. Douglas was elected Emperor II of Saskatoon

BD – 18  Missie LaMoo in performance at the CNIB auditorium, Saskatoon 1990?

BD – 19  Miss B. Haven of Regina and Jim Stevenson
BD – 20  Ghedo and Miss K (out of town)

BD – 21  Miss K and Marilyn O of Vancouver (out of town probably in Vancouver)

BD – 22  Miss K and Amy L Nitrate of Saskatoon

BD – 23  Ruthie(?), ???, Miss K, and Missie LaMoo

BD – 24  ?? ?? Miss K to right

BD – 25  Miss K, Justine Tyme of Calgary, unidentified man

BD – 26  Jim Stevenson in Toronto

BD – 27  Amy L Nitrate of Saskatoon

BD – 28  Miss K and Ghedo

BD – 29  Miss K and Missie LaMoo

BD – 30  Miss K at Numbers

BD – 31  Miss K at Coronation 1990 (her step-down)

BD – 32  Miss K

BD – 33  Miss K at Coronation 1990 (her stepdown)

BD – 34  Miss K at Coronation 1990 (her stepdown)

BD – 35  Miss K at Coronation 1990 (her stepdown)

BD – 36  Miss K and Ghedo

BD – 37  Decorations for Missie LaMoo at Coronation 1991

BD – 38  Twiggy from Edmonton (out of town)

BD – 39  Justine Tyme from Calgary

BD – 40  Brandy Bodine from Edmonton

BD – 41  Performance by Momma Karen (centre) from Vancouver at Coronation 1990
BD – 42  Miss K

BD – 43  Miss K and Ghedo

BD – 44  Missie LaMoo, Emperor II Douglas, and Anita Lay of Regina
          Anita Lay was Empress II of Regina

BD – 45  Ghedo and Miss K at Coronation 1990

BD – 46  Miss K at Coronation 1990

BD – 47  Miss K and Ghedo

BD – 48  Miss K and ???

BD – 49  Ghedo, Miss K, Missie LaMoo, Douglas at out of town event

BD – 50  Natasha at Numbers

BD – 51  Missie LaMoo, December 1990

BD – 52  Miss K at Sunshine Friends AIDS Benefit at Ukrainian Hall, 1988

BD – 53  Valentine’s Performance, probably Regina

BD – 54  Ghedo and Miss K at Coronation 1990

BD – 55  Miss K’s entrance at Coronation 1990

BD – 56  Missie LaMoo performing at Numbers

BD – 57  Missie LaMoo performing at Numbers

BD – 58  Coronation 1990 P.J. Gabbystone, Miss K, Ghedo and Ruthie

BD – 59  Miss K and her mother Jean Stevenson

BD – 60  Ghedo at Coronation 1990

BD – 61  Miss K at Numbers

BD – 62  Vanna Fortune, Miss K, Missie LaMoo, unidentified and Emperor II Douglas in Toronto
BD – 63  Vanna Fortunes, Emperor II Douglas, Missie LaMoo, Miss K, and Ghedo in Toronto

BD – 64  Missie LaMoo November 16 1990

BD – 65  Missie LaMoo November 16 1990

BD – 66  Miss K

BD – 67  Missie LaMoo and Douglas

BD – 68  Missie LaMoo

BD – 69  Miss K at Investiture Night at Numbers 1989


TL – 1  Auntie T and Roxy Diva in performance at Diva’s 2002

TL – 2  Auntie T and his ex wife Ellen Scarfe at Imperial Ball in Regina 1998

TL – 3  Auntie T New Year’s Eve 2001

TL – 4  Auntie T 1992 in Saskatoon

TL – 5  Auntie T at Elephant and Castle Bar, Saskatoon, Halloween 1993 with sister in Law and mother

TL – 6  Auntie T, Saskatoon, Halloween 1997

TL – 7  Auntie T as Mae West at the opening of Saskatoon’s Emerald Casino 1992

TL – 8  Jocelyn Starr (l) and Octavia, Calgary friends of Tim Lemay. Both originally from Saskatoon


TL – 10  Breen, Halloween in Saskatoon 1993

TL – 11  Ian Nelson as Aunt Alicia in Gateway Theatre Production of Gigi 1983?

TL – 12  Auntie T, New Year’s Eve 2002

TL -- 32   Tim LeMay as Queen Victoria. 1984

3. Photos donated by Ghedo Philipchuk - 14 photographs, 1 photo CD - 1990-2003

GP – 1 (left to right) Darren (Imperial Crown Prince 1991), Ruthie (Ms. Gay Saskatoon), P.J. Gabbystone (Imperial Crown Princess 1991), Dennis (Mr. Gay Saskatoon) c. early 1990s

GP – 2 Jim (Imperial Court Supporter), Ophra Pinkfeather Winfrey, Douglas (Emperor II and III of Saskatoon), Ruthie and Dennis, Coco Puffs (Empress IV of Saskatoon), Guest Drag Queen from Maritimes. Front Row: Missie LaMoo (Empress II and III of Saskatoon), Past Empress from Edmonton, and Auntie Irene (Saskatoon titleholder) c 1992

GP – 3 Rob (Past Emperor of Edmonton), Anita Lay (Empress II of Regina), Twiggy (Past Empress of Edmonton), Dan (Mr. Gay Regina) c. 1992

GP – 4 Twiggy, Miss K (Empress I of Saskatoon), Amy L. Nitrate (Past Empress of Edmonton) c. 1992

GP – 5 Ghedo (Emperor I of Saskatoon), Dwayne, John, Darren (Mr. Gay Saskatoon) c. 1992

GP – 6 Tough Drag Show @ Numbers June 1990. Two out of town guests, Robb (Emperor of Edmonton), Douglas (Emperor of Saskatoon), Toronto Emperor and Dale (Saskatoon Court)

GP – 7 Miss K

GP – 8 Saskatoon Monarchs. Guedo (Emperor I), Miss K (Empress I), Missie La Moo (Empress II and III), Douglas (Emperor II and III) c. 1991

GP - 9 Ghedette @ Tough Drag Show @ Numbers 1990
Guedo (Emperor I of Saskatoon)

(CD with images GP 1- 9)

GP - 10 Tough Drag Show @ Numbers June 1990. Drag Queen, Douglas from Saskatoon), Robb (Emperor of Edmonton) and Toronto Emperor
GP – 11 Miss K, Missie La Moo, Douglas (Emperor I and II of Saskatoon) and Darren (Imperial Crown Prince) at fundraising show in Saskatoon c. 1991

GP – 12 Dwayne, J. P. Gabbystone, and John at fundraising show in Saskatoon c. 1991

GP – 13 Ghedo (Emperor I of Saskatoon) and Miss K (Empress I of Saskatoon) c 1990

GP – 14 Miss K and two other drag queens


GW - 1 Roxy Diva & Richard Everhard ... Coronation 12 ... Regina, Saskatchewan (September 2002)

GW- 2 Roxy Diva’s interpretation of Liza’s New York New York ... at One Moment in Time: A Historical Look Back at 5 Fabulous Years of Drag at Diva’s ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (January 25, 2003)

GW - 3 Miss Diva’s 1999 Miss Gay Saskatoon 2 Roxy Diva’s interpretation of Dance Ten Looks Three from the Broadway Musical Chorus Line ... at One Moment in Time: A Historical Look Back at 5 Fabulous Years of Drag at Diva’s ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (January 25, 2003)

GW – 4 Mr. Diva’s 1999 Mr. Gay Saskatoon 2 Richard Everhard (2000)

GW - 5 Miss Diva’s 2000 Miss Gay Saskatoon 3 Korrie O’Graphy’s command performance at Written In the Stars A Fond Farewell To Nikolai & China ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 23, 2002) Photographer: Debra Marshall.

GW – 6 Mr. Diva’s 2001 Mr. Gay Saskatoon 4 Nikolai Yousuckoff & Miss Diva’s 2001 Miss Gay Saskatoon 4 China White on the Dias at their step-down Written In the Stars A Fond Farewell To Nikolai & China ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 23, 2002). Photographer: Debra Marshall.

GW - 7 Mr. Diva’s 2001 Mr. Gay Saskatoon 4 Nikolai Yousuckoff’s step-down weekend performance at the Mr. & Miss Diva’s 2002 Mr. & Miss Gay Saskatoon 5 Pageant ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 22, 2002) Photographer: Debra Marshall.

GW - 8 Miss Diva’s 2001 Miss Gay Saskatoon 4 China White (2002)

GW - 9 Mr. Diva’s 2002 Mr. Gay Saskatoon 5 Les Bian Fingers & Miss Diva’s 2002 Miss Gay Saskatoon 5 Crystal Clear on their Dias presiding over the Mr. & Miss Diva’s 2003 Mr. & Miss Gay Saskatoon 6 Pageant ... at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 21, 2003) Photographer: Debra Marshall.
GW - 10 Mr. Diva’s 2002 Mr. Gay Saskatoon 5 Les Bian Fingers performance at Triumph of the Human Heart Drag Show … at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (November 10, 2002)

GW - 11 Miss Diva’s 1998 & 2002 Miss Gay Saskatoon 1 & 5 Crystal Clear’s interpretation of Dolly Parton’s Livin’ A Lie from the movie Straight Talk … at the Trailer Trash Talk TV Drag … at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (March 28, 2002)

GW – 12 Entertainer of the Year 2002 of Winnipeg and All of Manitoba Urethra Franklin and her command performance interpretation of Ursula’s Poor Unfortunate Souls from Disney’s Little Mermaid … at An Evening of Magic &Mysticism, Folklore & Fantasy, A Night To Celebrate Les & Crystal’s Reign … at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 22, 2003) Photographer: Debra Marshall.


GW - 14 Roxy Diva, Richard Everhard, Crystal Clear, Korrie O’Graphy & Clint Taurus photo taken after Pride Week 2000 show, Around the World in 90 Minutes … at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (June 2000)


GW – 17 Group photo (l to r): Miss Diva’s 1999 Miss Gay Saskatoon 2 Roxy Diva, Miss Diva’s 1998 & 2002 Miss Gay Saskatoon 1 & 5 Crystal Clear, Miss Diva’s 2003 Miss Gay Saskatoon 6 Devine Everhard-Diva, Miss Diva’s 2000 Miss Gay Saskatoon 3 Korrie O’Graphy, Miss Diva’s 2001 Miss Gay Saskatoon 4 China White, taken after An Evening of Magic &Mysticism, Folklore & Fantasy, A Night To Celebrate Les & Crystal’s Reign … at Diva’s Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (February 22, 2003) Photographer: Debra Marshall.

GW – 19 China White & Auntie T ... Coronation 12 ... Regina, Saskatchewan (September 2002)


5. **Closets are for Clothes** - 1 photo CD - 2003
   CD containing 8 photos taken by Maria Jochmaring at the Closets are for Clothes drag show held at Louis’s Pub at the U of S, Sunday October 5 2003.
   (see also CD in series IV, file 6)


This is a small collection of material donated by Neil Richards which includes two election flyers from the early Regina court, two items relating to Drag City (an exhibition held at Saskatoon’s AKA Centre in 1997), a certificate of appreciation to G.L.H.S. from the third Emperor and Empress of Saskatoon, and 13 Fridge “Drag-nets” featuring Saskatoon drag performers produced to raise funds for charity in 2001.

IV. All Frocked Up Exhibit series - 6 files - 2002-2003

All Frocked Up: Glimpses of Cross Dressing in Saskatchewan was an exhibition produced in both a physical and virtual format by Neil Richards in 2003. The physical exhibition was presented in the Link Gallery of the University of Saskatchewan Library from Sept 23 to October 31 2003. The virtual exhibition sponsored by the Saskatchewan Council of Archives and Archivists debuted in September 2003 at scaa.usask.ca/gallery/allfrockedup.

1. Research and source materials
2. Exhibited photos and labels
3. Other exhibited materials and labels (see also OS U-10)
4. Promotional materials and media coverage (see also OS U-10)
5. Comment Book
6. CDs
   a) Production graphics for poster, program and invitations
   b) Photographs from the opening reception taken by Maria Jochmaring
   c) Photographs and video clips from the opening reception taken by Luke Sather
   d) Floppy disc with 7 minute news feature on the exhibition produced for the Morning Edition (October 7 2003), the Sask CBC morning show, by Colleen Larson
   e) All Frocked Up & Louis Show Fall 2003 - photos taken by Maria Jochmaring

V. Artefacts series

1. Imperial Sash. Empress I. Sash worn by the first Empress of Saskatoon, Miss K (Jim Stevenson). This sash was made by Tim LeMay for Miss K and is worn by her in several of the videotaped performances from 1989 – 1990
   Gift of Brent Daum

2. Mask. This mask was made by Brent Daum for Jim Stevenson to wear at a court function held in Regina.
   Gift of Brent Daum

Box 2

VI. Video recordings - 18 VHS tapes - 1987-1999

1. Cabaret - Fundraising AIDS Benefit Show at Numbers 1987
   Tape includes both rehearsals and final performance and some film of Guedo’s Fall Ball 1987
   317 min
   Copied from a tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

2. Miss Sunshine Ball – Fall 1988 at Ukrainian Hall
   120 min.
   Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

   60 min
   Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

4. Coronation 89 – Plus Farewell Party Inside and Outside Numbers
   100 min
4. Coronation Ball 1989 at Manhattan Ballroom
120 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

5. Coronation I 1989 (different video camera)
210 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

6. Investitures and Show at Numbers August 8 1989
112 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

7. Devine Comedy Show at Numbers September 29 1989
And Party after at Tanya’s
64 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

8. Festival of Friends – October 1989
Drag Performances at Numbers
104 min
Copied from tape lent by Brent Daum

9. Midnight Show at Numbers October 20 1989
43 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

10. Viva Macho Show at Numbers February 16 1990
72 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

11. Coronation 1990
360 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

12. Tough Drag Competition after Coronation 90 at Numbers
65 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk

13. Coronation 91 Out of Town Show at Syd’s Garage including party after at Numbers and Hospitality Suite
162 min
Copied from tape lent by Ghedo Philipchuk
15. A Tribute Tape to Miss K – Her Performances (n.d. but pre-1992)
40 min
Copied from tape lent by Brent Daum

16. PLWA Sheraton Cavalier July 1994
Memorial Tribute Night to Empress I, Miss Kaye
184 min
Copied from tape lent by Brent Daum

17. Aunty T - 1999
2 video tapes.
337 min
Commercially copied from a tape lent by Tim LeMay.
This two tape compilation documents several drag shows at Diva’s in 1999.

Tape a) begins with Diva’s 6th anniversary party in 1999 emceed by Ghedo Philipchuk, The show includes performances by Auntie T, Urethra Franklin, Crystal Clear, Roxy Diva, Korrie O’Graphy, Miss Felony Demeanor, Pamela Pillpopper, Chas Walker, Tara Sheet Wolf and Richard Everhart
The second show begins at approx 1 hr 6 minutes. This show “Dance with Angels” was held in September 1999. Performers include Richard Everhart, Roxy Diva, Korrie O’Graphy, Crystal Clear, Urethra Franklin, Pinocchio, Yadda Ya- Oughtta- Booka- Head (Empress 8 of Regina), Bob Upndown (Emperor 9 of Regina) and Anne Whatsittoya (Empress 9 of Regina)

The third show begins at approx 2 hr 17 minutes. The show “Evening Cotillion” appears to be have been held on a Monday evening as part of the 1999 Gay Pride Week in Saskatoon (June). Performers include Crystal Clear, Rick O’Shea, Richard Everhart, Louella Styles, Urethra Franklin, Auntie T, Roxy Diva, Korrie O’Graphy and Jocelyn Starr from Calgary.

The fourth show begins at approximately 3 hr 8 minutes. It documents the mock or camp wedding of Roxy Diva and Richard Everhart. The show was also part of the 1999 Gay Pride Week in Saskatoon (June). Other performers include Auntie T, Urethra Franklin, Korrie O’Graphy, Crystal Clear, Louella Styles, and Jocelyn Starr of Calgary.

The fifth show begins at approx 4 hr. 24 minutes and celebrates Roxy Diva’s 21st Birthday. Performers include Richard Everhart, Urethra Franklin, Auntie T, Korrie O’Graphy, Crystal Clear, Bob Upndown (Emperor 9 of Regina), Georgia Brown, Anne Whatsittoya (Empress 9 of Regina) and the Diva’s Players.
VII. Posters - 85 items - 1995-2004

These posters featuring drag and other gay events in Western Canada were donated by Neil Richards.

1. 1 poster - 1995
2. 1 poster - 1998
3. 11 posters - 1999
4. 18 posters - 2000
5. 10 posters - 2001
6. 22 posters - 2002
7. 18 posters - 2003
8. 4 posters - 2004