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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Chris Collins Collection was gifted by Collins in the Fall of 2012. The collection contains many periodicals related to local and regional Kansas City LGBT issues, as well as Drag Queen culture in many manifestations. Also housed within the collection are programs, newspaper clippings, and photographs related to Jewel Box Lounge, and local Drag Queen performers from the 1970s-90s in Kansas City.

For more items related to the Jewel Box and other local establishments in the same vein, see the GLAMA-Olene Crowley Collection, MS229.

SERIES NOTES

SERIES I: DOCUMENTS

Contained in Box 1, Folders 1-7; Includes local LGBT periodicals just as Alternate News, The Alternative, and Kansas City Town Squire, as well as national publications focusing on Trans Pride and Drag Queen culture, such as Drag, Female Mimics, and Guys in Drag. Some of the periodicals in this latter category contain explicit images. Also contained in this Series are programs from various burlesque and Drag Queen shows, both locally and around the country. Rounding out this Series are a few newspaper clippings regarding the closing of the Jewel Box, and some fascinating miscellaneous items, such as a Jewel Box fold-out fan and other promotional materials.

SERIES II: PHOTOGRAPHS

Contained in Box 1, Folder 8; Includes photos Collins and other performers, many of which feature the Jewel Box Lounge.

RECORDINGS

Housed in the Marr Sound Archive, includes four vinyl records.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: DOCUMENTS

Box	Folder	Description
		A: Periodicals
1	1	Alternate News - Volume 8, Number 17, February 27, 1987 (62 pp.).
		The Alternative - Volume 1, Issue 28, May 2-9, 1996 (40 pp.). - Volume 1, Issue 29, May 9-15, 1996 (40 pp.). - Volume 1, Issue 30, May 16-22, 1996 (40 pp.). - Volume 4, Issue 16, January 28, 1999 (64 pp.).
	2	Chicago Gay Life - Volume 1, Number 9, October 15, 1975 (20 pp.).
		Current News - Volume 9, Number 17, July 28, 1999 (56 pp.).
		Drag [Explicit] - Volume 5, Number 18 (52 pp.).
		Exotics International [Explicit] - Volume 1, Number 1, May-July, 1983 (48 pp.).
	3	The EXP Alternative - Issue 7, March 25-April 7, 1999 (64 pp.).
		EXP Kansas City - Issue 44, July 30-August 12, 1999 (48 pp.).
		Female Mimics [Explicit] - Number 2, Spring, 1971 (98 pp.).
	4	Guys in Drag [Explicit] - Volume 1, Number 4 (64 pp.).
		Kansas City Town Squire - March, 1976 (48 pp.).
		Les Girls: Boys Will Be Girls [Explicit] - Volume 2, Number 2, 1981 (48 pp.).
		B: Souvenir Programs
1	5	- Battle of the V.I.P.'s 1981: "A Touch of Paris" (39 pp.). - The Boylesque Review, at the Famous Door, Indianapolis, IN (4 pp.). - Finocchio's (19 pp.). - Kenny Kerr's Boy-lesque (15 pp.). - Our Guys are Dolls Revue, at Blue Dahlia Show Lounge, w/ Promotional Poster (4 pp.). - Miss Gay USofA, May 22, 1998, Dallas Grand Hotel (47 pp.). - Silver Frolics, New Orleans, LA (7 pp.).

Box Folder Description

C: Newspaper Clippings

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| 1 | 6 | - "Club Has Last Chance to Shine" (KC Star).
- "Lack of Interest Closes Lid on the Once-Popular Jewel Box" (KC Star).
- Ads: Tangerine, Mr. Skip Arnold. |
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D: Misc.

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| 1 | 7 | - Jewel Box Lounge fold-out fan.
- Jewel Box Lounge Matchbook (opened up).
- 2 promotional flyers for Jewel Box Lounge and Pink Garter.
- Promotional flyer for The Queen Mary.
- Promotional flyer for Steppin' Out III.
- Postcard: 82 Club ("Who's No Lady?").
- Membership Card: The Gas Light Coffee House – Dale E. Perisho.
- Invitation: St. Valentine Drag Ball.
- Business Card for The Asylum.
- Ticket and Button for Moonshadow '86. |
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SERIES III: PHOTOGRAPHS

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| 1 | 8 | 1-2 – Polaroids of Jewel Box Lounge.
3-6 – Unknown performers at Jewel Box (?).
7 – "Miss Lana Kuntz (Ron Davis)...from St. Louis, early 70's, '72-'73".
8 – Ty Lindstrom, c. 1973 at Jewel Box.
9 – Lindsay Kay and Ty Lindstrom, c. 1973 at Jewel Box.
10 – "Dale, Larry, and Elden at Kansas City's Drag Ball 1967, near 3 rd and Charlotte".
11 – "Gaslight Coffee House on 31 st and Main...Terri Lynn, Stacey, Chris Collins, c. 1970".
12 – Collins, Gaslight Coffee House, 1970.
13 – Mike Sackett, July 1979.
14 – "Empress of Kansas City, MO or 1968 – Della Street".
15 – "Jewel Box, Post-New Orleans, 1977".
16 – "Taken Oct. '74, Miss Gay Kansas City of 1975".
17 – "1999...Pearl's 11 th and Grand...Jewel Box Reunion Show... Mickey Marlow, Kelly King, Sandy Kay, Renee Scott, Chris Collins".
18 – Collins and Sandy Kay.
19 – "Chris Collins, window at Pearl's".
20 – Terry Lynn at Jewel Box, c. 1971, signed.
21 – Collins at Jewel Box, 1977.
22 – Tammy Lemort and Collins at Jewel Box, 1977. |
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Box	Folder	Description
(1	8)	23 – Mickey Ray, Collins, and Sandy Kay: “Two-Gun Judy” at Jewel Box, c. 1977.
		24 – Sasha Nicole (Miss Gay Missouri 2005) publicity still, signed to Collins.
		25 – Kenny Kerr publicity still.
		26 – Mr. Sandy Dale publicity still.
		27 – Ty Lindstrom publicity still, signed to Collins.
		28 – S—y Kay publicity still, signed.
		29 – Unknown performer, “Summer ‘73”.
		30 – Tommy Terok (?), 1973 (w/ note on the back to “Della and Jimmy”).
		31 – Lee August publicity still, signed 1977 (w/ note on the back to Collins).
		32 – “Crystal” c. 1981-85.
		33 – Tommy Terok (?) publicity still, signed to Collins.
		34 – “Stacey”.
		35 – “Terri Lynn (Linda), Frankie, Chris Collins (Della), Oct. 1973.”
		36 – Collins, Terri Paige, and Stacey at Jewel Box, c. 1972.
		37 – Collins and Mickey Marlowe.
		38 – Terri Lynn, signed.
		39 – Desiree LW.

RECORDINGS

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- Ray Bourbon in selections from “Don’t Call Me Madam”.
 - Rae Bourbon: A Trick Ain’t Always a Treat, recorded live from the world famous Jewel Box.
 - Charles Pierce, recorded live at Bimbo’s, San Francisco.
 - A Taste of Tangerine.