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Abstract: Records of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, including administrative records, performance and event files, printed material, photographs, audiovisual material, and born digital material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Historical Note
The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus (AGMC) is a nonprofit performing arts organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. It was founded in 1981 by Jeffrey D. McIntyre, who served as its first Artistic Director. The AGMC is led by a Board of Directors and a staff that includes an executive director and a conductor as well as a president, and music and section leaders. The AGMC's mission statement explains that the chorus "presents high-quality and thought-provoking musical entertainment that appeals to a diverse audience, creates a positive image of the LGBTQ community, and promotes equality for all persons."

The group is a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) and their concert season includes a holiday concert in early December at The Cathedral of St. Phillip in the Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta; a spring concert in late April; and a concert that coincides with national Pride festivals in June. In addition to their concerts, they are active in the annual Atlanta Gay Pride parade. The Chorus has performed at the Fox Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Robert Ferst Center for the Performing Arts, the Atlanta Civic Center, Emory University, and Agnes Scott College. They have also performed at benefits for victims of the September 11th attacks and Hurricane Katrina; for charitable organizations such as the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Food Bank, and AIDS Athens; and for community service events such as First Night Atlanta, AIDS Walk Atlanta, the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner, Toys for Tots, and The Toy Party.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the records of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus from 1981-2012 and includes administrative records, performance and event files, photographs, printed material, audiovisual material, and born digital material. Administrative records contain correspondence, membership directories and rosters, fundraising and financial information, as well as significant documentation of the AGMC Archives Committee. There are also documents relating to the AGMC Board of Directors and Artistic Directors, as well as to other Atlanta-based
organizations, such as the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus and the Georgia Safe Schools Coalition.

Performance and event files include multiple formats such as correspondence, printed material, and photographs, and pertain to specific events attended by AGMC members, or AGMC performances. Noteworthy events include the annual Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) Festival, the Atlanta Gay Games at Turner Field in 2001, the AGMC's performance at the post-inauguration reception for Atlanta, Georgia, Mayor Shirley Franklin in 2002, and the AGMC's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 2006. Silver Jubilee celebration folders include photographs, newspaper clippings, and other printed material documenting past seasons which were displayed at the event. They are arranged by season to preserve the original display arrangement by the AGMC Archives Committee.

Photographs contain publicity photographs of the AGMC; performance and rehearsal photographs; and photographs from AGMC events, gatherings and parties. There are also photographs of people and groups such as AGMC Artistic Directors Jeffrey D. McIntyre, Gary W. Arnold, and Dr. Leslie Blackwell, as well as photographs of AGMC ensembles such as Panache and The AGMC Quarter. Also included are slides from AGMC events at "The Mountain Retreat" in North Carolina and Pride 2000, photo albums, and scrapbooks compiled by AGMC members.

Printed material includes promotional materials such as flyers, posters, and programs for AGMC performances and events including their annual holiday, spring and Pride week concerts. There is a catalog of all AGMC performances and members from 1982-1996 compiled by the long-time volunteer Bob Salo, who died in 2003. There are numerous newsletters and publications produced by the organization such as The Dotted Quarter Notes (2000-2003) and Homo Voce (formerly The Poop until October 1994). There is also a small amount of memorabilia in the collection.

Audiovisual material contains audio and video recordings of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus productions from 1981-2009. Noteworthy recordings include co-productions with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus; the Gateway Men's Chorus of St. Louis, Missouri; the Turtle Creek Chorale of Dallas, Texas; and Le Choeur International Gai de Paris. Professional sound recordings include A Family of Lights (1999), Passion (2001), Live at the Cathedral (2004), and A Real Family Holiday (2004). Professionally recorded performances include The Best of Times: Celebrating 25 Years in Song, Divas and Dilemmas: Opera Our Way, Harmonic Convergence: Celebrating Twenty Years of Singing with Pride, Lush Life: The Music of Billy Strayhorn, and Shaken, not Heard: Stories of Gay Men, Faith, and Reconciliation. There is also footage of the AGMC's first spring concert in 1982, Southern Knights, the 1998 spring concert, Songs of Freedom and Celebration featuring Maya Angelou, a 2009 public service announcement, and a 2005 video yearbook.

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OP2 6  New Year's Resolutions, 2003
12 10  Newspaper clippings, 1981-1986
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OP2 7  Other concert posters, 1982-1989, 1998-2005
OP2 8  Other concert posters, 2006-2012
13 2  Other concert programs, 1981, 1990-1992
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14 1  Other promotional material, circa 1997-2012
OP2 9  "Our Story," 2001
14 2  *The Poop*, newsletter, 1992 August 20-1994 October 20
OP2 10  Pride concert posters, 1983-1990
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14  4  Pride concert programs, 1990-1994
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14  8  Proclamation, Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Day, 2002
14  9  *Pulse*, volume 1, number 3, 1984
15  1  Sheet music, "Can't help lovin' that man," arranged by Jeffrey McIntyre, 1981
15  2  Sheet music, draft arrangements with lyrics, undated
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15  4  Sheet music, "This little light of mine," 1979
15  5  Sheet music, unidentified
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15  7  Spring concert posters, 1982-1987
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15 17  Stickers, undated
15 18  "The Testament of Freedom: A setting of four passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson," piano and vocal score, 1971
15 19  *The Virginia Highland Voice*, 1984

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16  1  AGMC Club 88 pin, undated
16  2  Atlanta Braves shirt, circa 2001 [1 of 2]
16  3  Atlanta Braves shirt, circa 2001 [2 of 2]
16  4  Atlanta Braves visors, circa 2001
16  5  Banner, "In Memoriam" for members lost to HIV/AIDS, 2005
16  6  Button, "Jerry Garrison, Principal Accompanist," undated

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OP1  3  *Billings Gazette*, page 12A, 11 December 1993 [full page ad asking citizens to display a menorah in solidarity with Jewish victims of vandalism earlier in the month]
16  5  Brochures, undated
16  6  Edvard Munch art tattoos, 2001
16  7  "From Silence to Celebration," Atlanta Pride Celebration, Official
      Commemorative Program, 1995
16  8  GALAgram, 1993-1999
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17  1  GALA, brochures and invitations, 1996-1997, 2004
17  2  GALA membership rosters, 2000-2002
17  4  Georgia Safe Schools Coalition, LGBTQQQ Youth 101: A Comprehensive
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17  5  The Healthy Closet, newsletter, 1982 March
17  6  "Heart Strings: An Event in 3 Acts," National Tour, program and invitation, 1992
17  7  Other programs and program guides, 1997-2012
17  9  Stagebill, 1997, 1998

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AV2  -  "Adeste Fideles: The un-Traditional Holiday Concert," Cathedral of St. Philip,
      2000 [original: DVD-R]
AV2  -  AGMC April Concert, 1985 [original: audio cassette]
AV2  -  AGMC Board Meeting, 1991 April 14 [original: audio cassette]
AV2  -  AGMC Board Meeting, part 1, 1991 May 19 [original: audio cassette]
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AV2  -  AGMC Christmas 1984 [original: audio cassette]
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AV2  -  AGMC Christmas Concert, master, 1984 [original: audio cassette]
AV2  -  AGMC concert at the Metropolitan Community Church's 10th anniversary,
      undated [original: audio cassette]
AV2  -  AGMC at Peachtree Playhouse, reel 1 of 2, 1982 May 1 [original: open reel tape]
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AV2  -  AGMC at The Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men, 1986
      [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  AGMC in Birmingham, Alabama, 1991 [original: VHS]
AV2  -  AGMC presents The Atlanta Flames with Le Choeur International Gai de Paris,
      Pride Concert, 1996 [original: VHS]
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      Pride Concert, 1996 [original: DVD-R]
AV1  -  AGMC Pride, Jeffrey McIntyre conducting, Grady High School, 1993 [original:
      VHS]
AV2  -  AGMC Spring Concert, 1985 [original: audio cassette]
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AV2 - The AGMC Video Yearbook, by Don J. Bianin, 2005 [original: DVD+R]
AV2 - AGMC Winter Concert, undated [original: audio cassette]
AV2 - "All Spruced Up: and Know Where to Go," The Cathedral of St. Philip, 2008 [original: DVD]
AV2 - "Are we in Kansas yet?" Pride Concert, 1997 [original: VHS]
AV2 - "Are we in Kansas yet?" Pride Concert, 1997 [original: DVD-R]
AV2 - "Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus: Live at the Cathedral," 2004 [original: CD]
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AV2 - "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road," Act 2, 2006 [original: DVD ]
AV2 - Brian White, "Panache" and "Bari," undated [original: audio cassette]
AV1 - "Brothers in Song," AGMC and Turtle Creek Chorale of Dallas Texas, The Ferst Center for the Arts at Georgia Tech, 2003 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Carols of Splendor," Holiday Concert, Canon Chapel, Emory University, 1993 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Carols, Toys and Sugar Plum Fairies," Southside High School, 1990 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Celluloid, Footlights and Video Tape," Pride Concert, Rialto Theater, 2000 [original: VHS]
AV1 - Channel 11 interview by Paul Crawley, with Ed Acree conducting, 1984 [original: VHS]
AV2 - "Cher," "Hustle," and "Lord's Prayer," undated [original: audio cassette]
AV2 - Christmas Concert, number 2, 1983 December 10 [original: 3-4" U-Matic]
AV2 - Christmas Concert, reel 1 of 3, 1983 December 10 [original: open reel tape]
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AV1 - Christmas Party 1997 [original: SVHS]
AV2 - "Christmas with Spirit," Holiday Concert, 1994 [original: DVD-R]
AV1 - "Cirque 1," 14th Street, undated [original: VHS]
AV2 - "Divas and Dilemmas: Opera Our Way," artistic direction Kevin Robison, Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2008 [original: DVD video]
AV2 - "An Evening with Lenny, George, Steve and Fats," Spring Concert, 1994 [original: DVD-R]
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AV1 - "A Family of Lights," Christmas Concert at the Cathedral of St. Philip, 1999 [original: VHS]
AV1 - GALA Festival, Seattle, Washington, 1989 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - "A Gift of Song." 1989 [original: audio cassette]
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AV2 - "A Grand Night for Singing," edited master, undated [original: Betamax]
AV1 - "Harmonic Convergence: Celebrating Twenty Years of Singing with Pride," AGMC and Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, artistic director Dr. Leslie J. Blackwell, 2001 [original: VHS]
AV1 - "Homecoming Hop," Grady High School, 1993 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - "Liberty," Spring Concert, 2007 [original: DVD-R]
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AV1 - "Memento Mori," 1996 [by James Adler] [original: VHS]

AV2 - Memorial Tribute: Bob Salo, 2003 [original: DVD]

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AV1 - "Miss I. Nita Goodman," Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus benefit with Self-Righteous Brothers, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 1993 [original: VHS]

AV2 - "Music of the Season," Grant Park United Methodist Church, 1981 [original: audio cassette]

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AV1 - "A Night on Broadway," Turtle Creek Chorale of Dallas, Texas, 1991 [original: VHS]

AV1 - "The 'No Talent' 'Mountain Idol' Contest," AGCM visits The Mountain, hosted by Jason and Kelly, 2002 [original: VHS]

AV1 - "The 'No Talent' Talent Show," AGCM at The Mountain, hosted by the Debutantes Lorelei Lee and Loretta Youthe, 2000 [original: VHS]

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AV2 - "The 'No Talent' Talent Show," at The Mountain, Highlands, North Carolina, 1999 [original: VHS]

AV2 - "Panache," rehearsal tape, undated [original: audio cassette]

AV1 - "Panache," VIP Pride Sponsor Party, 2002 [original: VHS]

AV1 - "A Real Family Holiday," 2003 [original: VHS]

AV2 - "Red, White and Blues," master tape, 1987 [original: audio cassette]

AV2 - Rehearsal, undated [original: audio cassette]

AV2 - Rehearsal, "Carols of Splendor," baritone section, 1993 [original: audio cassette]

AV2 - Rehearsal, holiday concert, undated [original: audio cassette]

AV1 - Rehearsal, holiday concert, AGMC at The Mountain, 2002 [original: VHS]

AV2 - Rehearsal, spring concert, bass section [instruments], undated [original: audio cassette]


AV2 - "Selection from Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus: Changing Perceptions, Touching Hearts, Impacting Lives," undated [original: business card compact disc]

AV2 - "Shaken, not Heard: Stories of Gay Men, Faith, and Reconciliation," Historic Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, 2009 [original: DVD video]

AV2 - Simply Peace, AGMC Holiday Concert 1998 [original: VHS]

AV1 - "Songs from the Heart: A Celebration of Love," Glen Memorial Auditorium, 1995 [original: VHS]
AV2 - "Songs from the Heart," Spring Concert, 1995 [original: DVD-R]
AV2 - "Songs of Freedom and Celebration," with Dr. Maya Angelou, Spring Concert, 1998 [original: DVD-R]
AV2 - "Songs of Survival," featuring "When we no longer touch" by Kris Anthony, soprano soloist Kati Guerra, 1994 July 16 [original: audio cassette]
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AV1 - "Southern Knights," Spring Concert, Peachtree Playhouse, 1982 May 15 [original: VHS]
AV2 - "A Special Holiday Concert," directed by Rick Rechtin, 1988 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - "Spirit of Light," Cathedral of St. Philip, Buckhead, 2002 [original: VHS]
AV1 - "Spirited Away," AGMC 23rd Annual Concert Season, 2003 [original: VHS]
AV2 - "S'wellegant Elegance," Pride Concert, 1999 [original: VHS]
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AV1 - Three Nights of our Luminous Holiday Concert, AGMC 22nd Concert Series, artistic director Dr. Leslie J. Blackwell, 2002 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - "United We Stand," AGMC and the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus, 1997 [original: VHS]
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AV2 - "WGAY: Tune in again," Pride Concert, 1995 [original: DVD-R]
AV2 - "When we no longer touch: A cycle of songs for survival," with Gateway Men's Chorus of St. Louis, Missouri, Pride Concert, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, 1994 [original: DVD-R]
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