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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

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