

# **SOBLE, ALLI ROYCE, 1973- Alli Royce Soble papers, 1982-2018**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Soble, Alli Royce, 1973-  
**Title:** Alli Royce Soble papers, 1982-2018  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1315  
**Extent:** 9 linear ft. (11 boxes), and 647 MB (226 files) of born digital materials  
**Abstract:** Journals and photographs taken by Atlanta, Georgia, photographer Alli Royce Soble documenting the city's lesbian and arts communities.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Source**

Purchase, 2014, with subsequent additions.

### **Citation**

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### **Processing**

Processed by Sarah Quigley, October 2014. Photograph album descriptions in the container list are copied from the inside covers of each album. Information not included on the covers was provided by the curator who acquired the collection and is indicated by brackets. Names, titles, locations, and dates have not been checked for accuracy.

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Born digital materials processed by Dorothy Waugh, December 2015. Files have been organized according to the event that they document. File names and dates last modified have not been changed.

Journals arranged and described at the item level by Carrie Hintz, May, 2018.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Alli Royce Soble (1973-) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1998, she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Georgia State University. She is a photographer, painter, and mixed media artist and has exhibited her work in galleries such as Modern Primitive Gallery, Vaknin Schwartz Galler, Bluemilk Paradigm Artspace, and Shedspace. Soble has won numerous awards including *GA Voice's* Best Artist of Atlanta in 2011 and 2012.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists primarily of 24 photograph albums compiled by Alli Royce Soble and documenting the Atlanta lesbian and arts communities from 1992-2000. The albums are comprised mostly of 35mm color prints; Soble is the photographer of all images in the albums. The photographs document drag shows, fashion shows, parties and other events at Atlanta-area establishments such as My Sister's Room and The Tower. The albums also document Atlanta Pride celebrations, Soble's group and solo exhibitions, Soble family events, personal vacations, and several lesbian weddings. Soble annotated each album, providing captions and descriptions for most photographs.

The collection also contains 7 journals dating from 1982-1998 and documenting Soble's adolescence and early adulthood, including entries centered around coming of age, sexuality, and depression. The journals and the photograph albums cover much of the same period of Soble's life and there is significant overlap in the friends, associates, and events represented in the photos and journals. There is also a journal pre-printed with writing prompts that contains entries from 1995-2018.

There is also a small amount of printed ephemera in the collection, primarily promotional material for club events in Atlanta. Most ephemera features photography by Soble.

Born digital materials consist of 226 photographs taken following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* requiring states to recognize same-sex marriages. The ruling was handed down on June 26, 2015. The collection includes photographs taken at the Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta, photographs taken at a Georgia Equality rally at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, and photographs taken in Midtown, Atlanta on June 26, 2015. It also contains photos from 101 Gay Weddings, an event hosted by chef Art Smith at the InterContinental Hotel in Buckhead, Atlanta on June 28, 2015.

### **Arrangement Note**

Photograph albums and journals are arranged in chronological order; printed photographs and ephemera are arranged in alphabetical order. Digital photographs are grouped according to the event that they document.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	1992: Georgia State University; surprise birthday party; get-togethers with Fox, Jackson, Pruitt, Essey...; Cindi P.'s birthday; Chris Jackson birthday; "Oakdale Ale;" and Christmas at Fox and Jackson's
1	-	1993: New Year's Eve; "Margarita Night;" Snow Jam 1995; The March on Washington [for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation]; Ginger Beatty pictures; "First" [Banning] Mill trip; more [Banning] Mill trips; and "The Lesbian Crew" (Crystal Manning, Dinah Tingle, Michelle Crow, Rudi Moore, Allie Rivenbark, Amy Shumate, and on and on...); and Café Diem (Monday coffee night)
1	-	1994 March-November: Alli's 21st birthday; [Banning] Mill trips; Pride weekend; "Pussy Posse" fashion shows; and pool time
2	-	1994 November-1995 June: [Banning] Mill trip; "Wigwood;" Memorial Day; birthday; and Pride weekend
2	-	1995 April-1996 April: Keanan Casey and Robbie Ruud; [Banning] Mill trip (Erika Linstrom's); foam party [Revolution in Buckhead]; [Banning] Mill trip, "The Last Hurrah;" and "Painting with Lights" photographs
2	-	1996 June: Pride weekend; Olympic torch relay; Omi black and white pictures; Viva la Libra; 3rd annual Aries party; and The Cardigans at Criminal Records
3	-	1997 May-October: Taurus party; Memorial Day weekend; My Sister's Room [Midtown] one year anniversary party; and Viva la Libra
3	-	1997 June: Pride weekend
3	-	1998 January-March: Seaside, Florida; "70's Sitcoms with Jane West and Lone Star Impalas at Urban Nirvana;" 80's party and My Sister's Room [Midtown]; and fire party at The Tower
4	-	1998 March-May: Alli's 25th birthday; Club Cassanova; Easter drag races at The Armory; Shockley/Spinks opening at Modern Primitive Gallery; and Nan Goldin show at Vaknin Schwartz Gallery
4	-	1998 June: Norma Jean's fashion show; My Sister's Room's Last Blast [Midtown]; Alli's college graduation; and graduation party at "Club Soble"
4	-	1998 June-August: Pride weekend and Lisa Soble's wedding
5	-	1998 July-September: White trash party (Labor Day); Allysa Basford photo shoot; Nexus Art party; Art Feast 1998 at the Food Business restaurant
5	-	1998 October-November: Kathy Dolan photo shoot; "Madame Charity's Drag King Cabaret" at The Tower; My Sister's Room grand opening in Decatur; and "Solo Show" at Seven Stages Theatre
5	-	1998-1999: Juice Box party at My Sister's Room [Decatur]; Athens trip with Lara Creasy; Earth Challenge Art benefit at Watershed; New Year's Eve at My Sister's Room [Decatur]; and Asheville with Lara Creasy

- 6 - 1999 January-April: Tracy's House Party at My Sister's Room [Decatur]; solo show at Epiphany Gallery; Alli's 26th birthday party (The Ladybug Picnic); and group photo exhibition at City East Gallery
- 6 - 1999 April: Kristal and Melinda's wedding shower; Kat's birthday in Athens; Mixology Tea Dance at My Sister's Room [Decatur]; Juice Box fetish party at My Sister's Room [Decatur]
- 6 - 1999 April-June: Lara Creasy's 26th birthday; Omi and Victoria's 50's cookout birthday party; Nexus Biennial; and Mixology Khaki Party Tea Dance
- 7 - 1999 June-July: Pride weekend and July 4th at Centennial Park
- 7 - 1999 September-December: Miami Beach vacation (Labor Day); photo shoots; Zoo Atlanta one year with Lara; and "Day One: The Society of Independent Artists Art Show" at Bluemilk Paradigm Artspace
- 7 - 1999 October: "RealIdeal" art show at Crescent Room and AIDS walk
- 8 - 1999-2000: LOMO photographs; New Year's Eve; The Red Hat Project (Polaroids); and Juice Box Aries party at The Tower
- 8 - 2000 June-August: Pride weekend including "Hairdos and Tractor Pulls art show at Trinity Gallery; and Soble exhibition at Shedspace
- 8 - 2000 September-October: [The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center] Art Party; Susan Borden and Erin Musselwhite's wedding; Halloween; and Annie Leibovitz
- 9 1 Photograph: Montrese, Mokha, no date [inscribed to Soble]
- 9 2 Printed ephemera featuring photographs by Soble, circa 1990s
- 9 3 Printed ephemera, other, circa 1990s
- 10 - Journals, 1982-1996
- 11 - Journals, 1996-1998
- 11 - Creativity journal, 1995-2018

### **Born digital materials**

- RRL 1 Photographs taken at Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta, June 26, 2015 [Reading Room access ONLY]
- RRL 2 Photographs taken at Georgia Equality rally at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, June 26, 2015 [Reading Room access ONLY]
- RRL 3 Photographs taken in Midtown, Atlanta, on the evening of June 26, 2015 [Reading Room access ONLY]
- RRL 4 Photographs taken at 101 Gay Weddings, InterContinental Hotel, Buckhead, Atlanta, June 28, 2015 [Reading Room access ONLY]
- BD1 - Flash drive containing photographs taken at rally against Georgia House Bill 757 and vigils for victims of the June 12, 2016 mass shootings at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, FL [Original RESTRICTED]