

LGBT-093-SC Paul Foltz Collection

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name:	Foltz, Paul	LGBT-093-SC
Material:	Papers (1987, 2008)	
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Paul Foltz grew up in Steelton, PA. After college, Foltz began studying theatre in England. It was here that Foltz discovered a strong and open LGBTQ+ community. When he returned to the United States, he became involved in Pennsylvania's LGBTQ+ community by helping to establish the Harrisburg Men's Chorus and Dignity Philadelphia. Additionally, he founded a theatre company, Lily White and Company, to raise awareness and funds for local HIV/AIDS initiatives. Foltz has also served as a costume designer at Theatre Harrisburg and taught theatre at the Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts [later known as the Art Institute of York] for over twenty years and at Harrisburg Area Community College.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

These items are from Paul Foltz's theater activities outside of Lily White & Company. Note that the Harristown flyer was one of the first events that Foltz coordinated for Harristown Performing Arts. He was organizing a theatre troupe, Harrisburg Area Repertory Theatre Co, and they performed out of the People Place in Downtown Harrisburg. The flyer was for a special holiday series of events that were developed to bring people into the People Place and get them familiar with the venue. Many of the people that worked with Foltz in H.A.R.T. also flowed over to Lily White and was why the structure of the drag troupe was along the lines of a theatre troupe. For related research materials on Foltz's involvement in

Lily White & Company, explore the following collection, also located in the Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections: LGBT-043 Lily White and Company Collection

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Documents

- Folder 1) Holiday Celebration Events @ Harristown Flyer – Dec. 1978
- Folder 2) “A Tribute to the past 40 years of Music” – 1987
- Folder 3) Benefit Show Stage Design – Dec. 1987
Stallions 2nd Floor, floor plan – 1987
- Folder 4) “The Honorable Urashima Taro” – Apr. 26, 2008