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## **Rick Gerharter Photographs Collection, 1988-1995**

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**Title:** Rick Gerharter Photographs Collection,

**Date (inclusive):** 1988-1995

**Collection Identifier:** GLC 42

**Creator:** Gerharter, Rick

**Physical Description:** 2 oversized boxes(26 images, silver gelatin prints, 11 x 14", matted size 16 x 20")

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**Abstract:** Rick Gerharter is a San Francisco-based free-lance photojournalist. This collection of images was selected by the artist and documents activities in San Francisco's LGBT community from 1988 through mid-1995. Many photos were taken while on assignment for the *Bay Area Reporter* and capture the intensity and emotion of many facets of queer life, including AIDS activism, celebration, care-giving, sports, and visibility.

**Physical Location:** The collection is stored onsite.

**Language of Materials:** Collection materials are in English.

**Access**

The collection is available for viewing during Photo Desk hours: Tuesday: 1-5; Thursday: 1-5; Saturday: 10-12, 1-5.

**Publication Rights**

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**Provenance**

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**Biographical note**

Rick Gerharter is a San Francisco-based freelance photojournalist who has been documenting the LGBT communities since 1987. His work has appeared in numerous international and national publications, most regularly in the weekly newspaper, the *Bay Area Reporter*. His work is featured in the books: *Out in the Castro: desire, promise, activism*; *Witness the Love: stories from the heart of the AIDS epidemic*; *Gay by the Bay*; and *Out in America: a portrait of gay and lesbian life*. His work also appears in numerous other books, videos and publications.

**Scope and Contents**

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**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Gerharter, Rick--Archives

Gay men--California--San Francisco--Portraits

Gays--California--San Francisco--Social life and customs--20th century--Photograph collections

Lesbians--California--San Francisco--Portraits

San Francisco (Calif.)--Social life and customs--20th century--Photograph collections

Transsexuals--California--San Francisco--Portraits.

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Photograph 1

**Nancy Walker prepares to get chained to others to block the entrance to the old Federal Building at the AIDS/ARC vigil, January 19, 1988**

Photograph 2

**Carol Leigh (Scarlet Harlot), unidentified, Michael Ryan and activists from AIDS Action Pledge protest at Senator Alan Cranston's San Francisco office for his anti-gay Social Security vote, April 29, 1988**

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Photograph 3	<b>Stop AIDS Now or Else blocks the Golden Gate Bridge in an AIDS Protest, January 31, 1989</b>
Photograph 4	<b>Police arrest protesters following an ACT-UP march; the Castro Sweep, October 6, 1989</b>
Photograph 5	<b>Joshi meditates at the Hartford Street Zen Center, May 1, 1990</b>
Photograph 6	<b>Timothy Rodrigues and Mike Eaton listen to speakers during public comment at the San Francisco School Board discussion of Project 10, a gay positive program in the schools, June 12, 1990</b>
Photograph 7	<b>Rocking out during Let It All Hang Out Day in Harvey Milk Plaza, June 16, 1990</b>
Photograph 8	<b>Andy Ilves and Tom Tymstone kiss during a Queer Nation kiss-in at the Powell Street cable car turnaround, July 28, 1990</b>
Photograph 9	<b>At the Up Your Alley street fair, August 5, 1990</b>
Photograph 10	<b>Queer Nation marches against anti-gay violence in the Castro District, September 22, 1990</b>
Photograph 11	<b>ACT-UP/Golden Gate blocking entrance to San Francisco's old Federal Building, demanding release of ddl, an AIDS drug, October 9, 1990</b>
Photograph 12	<b>Tom Ammiano celebrates his election to the San Francisco School Board as part of the "Lavender Sweep," November 6, 1990</b>
Photograph 13	<b>Protesting Desert Storm, United States war on Iraq at the San Francisco Federal Building, January 15, 1991</b>
Photograph 14	<b>Spreading the safe-sex message, and condoms, at the Cinco de Mayo Parade, May 5, 1991</b>
Photograph 15	<b>The annual [San Francisco] Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, June 30, 1991</b>
Photograph 16	<b>Protesting opening night of <i>Basic Instinct</i> because of its homophobic content, March 20, 1992</b>
Photograph 17	<b>Nurse Isabel McCoy hugs Rita Rockett as she serves dessert at her monthly brunch in Ward 5A, the AIDS Ward at San Francisco General Hospital, April 12, 1992</b>
Photograph 18	<b>San Francisco activists stage a kiss-in at Sacramento's Capital Christian Center on Easter, protesting their anti-gay activities, April 19, 1992</b>
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Photograph 20	<b>The Rawhide II softball team during opening day activities of the Gay Softball League, March 7, 1993</b>
Photograph 21	<b>In San Francisco at Federal Building protest against the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, July 20, 1993</b>
Photograph 22	<b>Transgenders dance at the Mother Lode Bar in the Tenderloin, August 27, 1993</b>
Photograph 23	<b>Candles left at the [San Francisco] Department of Health following the AIDS Candlelight March, May 22, 1994</b>
Photograph 24	<b>Dykes on Bikes lead off the annual [San Francisco] Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, June 19, 1994</b>
Photograph 25	<b>Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) marches in the Chinese New Year's Parade, February 11, 1995</b>
Photograph 26	<b>Barbara Hughes (center) marches with her son and son-in-law in the PFLAG contingent of the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, June 18, 1995</b>