

Kane-DeMaivos, J. Ari. Videotape collection of J. Ari Kane- DeMaivos, 1976-2000: A Finding Aid

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Descriptive Summary

Call No.: Vt-132
Repository: Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute
Creator: J. Ari Kane-DeMaivos
Title: Videotape collection of J. Ari Kane-DeMaivos, 1976-2000
Quantity: 44 videocassettes
Language of materials: Materials in English.
Abstract: Videotape recordings of Fantasia Fair activities, and interviews with or lectures by created by J. Ari Kane-DeMaivos, transgender activist, counselor, and executive director of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies.

Processing Information:

Processed: February 2010
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Acquisition Information:

Accession numbers: 2004-M34 and 2005-M156
The Schlesinger Library acquired the videotapes of J. Ari Kane-DeMaivos from the Educational Institute for Sex and Gender Diversity (via J. Ari Kane-DeMaivos) between 2004 and 2005.

Access Restrictions:

Access. An appointment is necessary to use any audiovisual material.

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BIOGRAPHY

Sexologist and gerontologist, Ari Kane has worked in the transgendered community since the early 1970s. As an administrator and counselor (B.S. City College of New York; M.Ed.; Ed.D. Institute for Advanced Study of Sexuality), Kane's primary focus was outreach: educating mental health professionals, the public, and individual members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities. In 1975 he founded the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, an organization devoted to advancing the understanding of gender identity and role development, and to fostering education and research in all aspects related to the phenomenon of gender and human sexuality. The OIGS sponsored Fantasia Fair, an annual event in Provincetown, Massachusetts, offering practical, social, and educational programming for transgendered individuals; contributing to the development of a "standards of care" document for professionals treating gender dysphoria; and offering newsletters and other publications about gender issues. OIGS also developed GARP (Gender Attitude Reassessment Program), a workshop exploring gender diversity and gender identity issues.

Ari Kane lectured widely and has appeared on many radio and television programs. He organized conferences in 1978, 1979, and 1980, focusing on the social, medical, and legal aspects of transgendered behavior, has given numerous presentations in classrooms and at professional conferences, and continues to offer counseling to gender-conflicted people through Theseus Counseling Service. He is a member of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, the Association for Humanist Psychology, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex. For more information, see J. Ari Kane-DeMaios papers (MC 614).

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged in two series:

- Series I. Interviews and lectures, 1976-1997 (#1-15)

- Series II. Fantasia Fair, 1980-2000 (#16-44)
 - Subseries A. Fantasia Fair activities including Kane, 1980-1996 (#16-25)
 - Subseries B. General Fantasia Fair activities, 1980-2000 (#26-44)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of videotapes of J. Ari Kane-DeMaios' television appearances and lectures as an expert sexologist and crossdresser, as well as recordings of annual Fantasia Fair activities including fashion shows and follies performed by attendees; award banquets to honor both attendees and local Provincetown, Massachusetts business owners and others who are active with the crossdressing community; and workshops on fashion and poise. Titles in quotation marks are those of the donor. Videotapes are in VHS format, except where noted.

Series I, INTERVIEWS AND LECTURES, 1976-1997 (#1-15), contains television interviews with and lectures by Kane.

Series II, FANTASIA FAIR, 1980-2000 (#16-44), contains recordings of fair activities such as awards banquets, fashion shows, follies, as well as footage of surrounding Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Subseries A, Fantasia Fair activities including Kane, 1980-1996 (#16-25).

Subseries B, General Fantasia Fair activities, 1980-2000 (#26-44).

INVENTORY

- Series I. INTERVIEWS AND LECTURES, 1976-1997 (#1-15)
 - 1. Women '76. WBZ-TV, Boston, Massachusetts. 1976. Kane defines what it means to be transgendered; and a psychiatric social worker discusses counseling the transgender and transsexual community. 28 min.
 - 2-6. Morning Exchange/Afternoon Exchange. WEWS, Cleveland, Ohio. Reel 2: April 17, 1980. Kane defines androgyny, transsexuality, transvestism, and transgender. Reel 3: April 1980. Kane discusses androgyny, gender roles, his married life, and other topics. Reel 4: November 13, 1980. Kane discusses the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, crossdressing, and other topics. Reel 5: November 12, 1981. Kane discusses personal changes since his appearance on Morning Exchange the previous year, integrating his masculine and feminine sides, his married life, crossdressing, and answers questions. Reel 6: March 29, 1993. Kane discusses the film, *The Crying Game*, androgyny, crossdressing, gender, and other topics. 5 tapes 30 min. each. Reels 2-5 are $\frac{3}{4}$ U-matic videotapes.
 - 7. People Are Talking. Baltimore, Maryland. 1981. Kane discusses crossdressing, gender issues, and sexuality. Oprah Winfrey is a co-host. 20 min. $\frac{3}{4}$ U-matic videotape.
 - 8. Excerpts from television interviews with Kane. 1981-1982. Segment one: Five All Night Live. WCVB, Boston, Massachusetts. Kane discusses crossdressing and his married life. Segment two: People Are Talking. WBZ, Boston, Massachusetts. Kane discusses crossdressing, his married life and sexuality, and other topics. Segment three: People Are Talking. WBZ, Boston, Massachusetts. Transsexual Joanna Clark discusses having served in the military as both a woman and a man, his marriages, and the process of changing sexes. Kane speaks from the audience. 85 min.
 - 9. Alive at Five. Miami, Florida. November 1987. Includes an interview with Kane and footage of him shopping and dressing. Also includes interviews with local Miami crossdressers. Contains other unrelated footage. 8 min.

- 10. Geraldo. 1989. Talk show discussion about crossdressers and their spouses. Includes interview with Kane. 60 min.
- 11. Inside Reports. Florida. May 1990. News piece about a support group for crossdressers. Includes an interview with Kane. 7 min.
- 12. "Ari Kane Lecture on Gender Issues." Barry University, Miami, Florida. 1991. 110 min.
- 13-14. Baldwin-Wallace College lectures. March 1993. Kane lectures on how sociological influences help to determine gender perceptions, roles, and presentation. 2 tapes. 65 min.
- 15. "Dissertation." June 1997. Recording of Kane's lecture and group exercises for review by his dissertation committee at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (San Francisco, California). 120 min.
- Series II. FANTASIA FAIR, 1980-2000 (#16-44)
 - Subseries A. Fantasia Fair activities including Kane, 1980-1996 (#16-25)
 - 16. "Fantasia Fair: An Experience to Remember." 1980. Includes a discussion, co-led by Kane, on how crossdressers can better blend in, interviews with crossdressers, and fair activities. 26 min. $\frac{3}{4}$ U-matic videotape.
 - 17. Fantasia Fair, 1981. Includes workshop footage, commentary by Kane on the workshop and the fair, interviews with Provincetown locals, auctions and fashion shows, the Follies, fashion tips, parties, Miss Fantasia Award, etc. 48 min.
 - 18. "Panel Presentation on Crossdressing/Cross-gender Issues in the 90s." 1991. Provincetown, Massachusetts. Kane speaks on a panel with Jennie Livingston, director of Paris is Burning, official Fantasia Fair photographer Mariette Pathy Allen, and others. 51 min.
 - 19. Fantasia Fair, 1991. Awards banquet and other footage. Includes a speech by Kane.
 - 20. "Fantasia Fair, 1993/Berta Walker [Gallery] Show of Helen Strong." 1993. Provincetown, Massachusetts. Footage from the opening of Strong's photography exhibit that features the fair's crossdressing community. Kane interviews Strong, her models, and gallery visitors. 30 min.
 - 21-23. Fantasia Fair awards banquet, 1994. Kane is a presenter. Reels 22 includes interviews about previous fairs. 3 tapes. 300 min.
 - 24. Fantasia Fair awards banquet, 1995. Kane is a presenter. 120 min.
 - 25. "Mariette [Pathy Allen] Slide Show." March 7, 1996. Includes a slide show by official Fantasia Fair photographer Allen, conversation between Kane and Allen, and a panel discussion (including Allen) with people who work with the crossdressing community. 120 min.
 - Subseries B. General Fantasia Fair activities, 1980-2000 (#26-44)
 - 26. "FF '80." 1980. Narrated program which includes segments from workshops on more successful crossdressing, interviews with crossdressers, and fair activities. 26 min. Beta videotape.
 - 27. Fantasia Fair Follies, 1988. 90 min.
 - 28. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show/Follies, 1991. 205 min.
 - 29. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show/Follies, 1992. 205 min.
 - 30. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1993. 60 min.
 - 31. Fantasia Fair Follies, 1993. 90 min.
 - 32. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1994. 60 min.
 - 33. Fantasia Fair Follies, 1994. 60 min.
 - 34. "Fantasia Fair Overview." 1994. 60 min.
 - 35. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1995. 60 min.
 - 36. Fantasia Fair Follies, 1995. 90 min.
 - 37-38. Fantasia Fair Follies and Fashion Show, 1996. 2 tapes. 200 min.
 - 39. Fantasia Fair, 1997. Raw footage. 85 min.
 - 40. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1997. 60 min. BetaSP.

- 41. Fantasia Fair Follies, 1997. 90 min.
- 42. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1998. 60 min.
- 43. Fantasia Fair Fashion Show, 1999. 60 min.
- 44. "Sarah Bechner, UU [Unitarian Universalist] Music Series, Fantasia Fair, October 2000." Features a concert by a post-operative transsexual at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. 96 min.

Additional catalog entries

The following catalog entries represent persons, organizations, and topics documented in this collection. An entry for each appears in the Harvard On Line Library Information System (HOLLIS) and other automated bibliographic databases. THIS IS NOT AN INDEX.

Authors

- Allen, Mariette Pathy
- Livingston, Jennie
- Outreach Institute of Gender Studies

Subjects

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