

# Guide to the German Transvestite Postcards, 1903-1920

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

**Title:**

German transvestite postcards, 1903-1920.

**Collection Number:**

7636

**Quantity:**

62 items.

**Forms of Material:**

Postcards.

**Repository:**

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**Language:**

Collection material in English

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## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Sixty two late-Wilhelmine male transvestite postcards portraying twenty nine individuals in their Damen-Imitator personas, including three images of "Gauze, Canadian Indian Soprano." Sixteen are signed or inscribed by the subjects, with references to gay cabarets in Berlin, Cologne, Kiel, and throughout the country.

Five are addressed to Paul Shafer and one to Asta, female impersonators of the period, who are also pictured on some of the cards.

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## **SUBJECTS**

### **Names:**

Shafer, Paul.

### **Subjects:**

Germany--Social life and customs.

Music-halls (Variety-theaters, cabarets, etc.)--Germany.

Sex in popular culture--Germany.

Transvestism--Germany.

Transvestites--Germany.

### **Form and Genre Terms:**

Postcards.

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## **INFORMATION FOR USERS**

### **Cite As:**

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

Collecting Program: Human Sexuality Collection.