

# Guide to the Mama Galore Drag Photograph Album, 1980s-1995

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## Abstract

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## Descriptive Summary

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**Collection Number** RL.11061

**Title** Mama Galore drag photograph album

**Date** 1980s-1995

**Creator** Mama Galore (Theater group)

**Extent** 1 Linear Feet, 1 item

**Repository** David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library

**Language** Materials are in English.

## Collection Overview

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## Contents of the Collection

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Photograph album

Box 1

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## Historical Note

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#### Biographical / Historical

Mama Galore was a group of East Coast Drag show performers that appeared in New York City, Philadelphia, North and South Carolina, and Florida, among other locales.

## Subject Headings

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## Preferred Citation

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## Provenance

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## Processing Information

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