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**INDIANAPOLIS DRAG SHOWS  
COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS, 1982**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 2 folders cold storage color photographs

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1982

**PROVENANCE:** Georgia Cravey, Indianapolis, IN

**RESTRICTIONS:** Items listed as being in cold storage need at least four hours to acclimate, so patrons are advised to call ahead of their visit if they wish to view those items to allow for thawing time.

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** The Michael Bohr Collection of the Indy Pride Chris Gonzalez Library and Archives, M 1242

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2015.0080v0001

**NOTES:**

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Though largely unnoticed, an extensive LGBT community flourished in Indianapolis during the latter half of the twentieth century, particularly among the local gay bar scene. Many of these bars, most notably the 21 Club, put on drag shows throughout the year. An annual Miss Gay Indiana competition was usually held at the 21 Club.

In 1985, Indianapolis was host to the Miss Gay America competition. Due to discrimination, its venue was moved twice, until it was finally permitted to take place at the Indiana Convention Center.

There is little information about The Pub. However, this may be a nickname for Meridian Pub, which operated until 1983 at 2301 N Meridian Street. From 1983 to 1998, the location operated as Tomorrow's, a gay and lesbian bar. From 1998 to an unspecified date, it operated as Tropica Bay, another gay and lesbian bar. Then, from an unspecified date to 2011, it operated as Sherry's at Fall Creek.

The Ruins Bar operated until 1983 at 1218 N Pennsylvania Street. From 1983 to present, the location has operated as The Ten, a lesbian bar.

### **Sources:**

Gurevitz, Maire. The Michael Bohr Collection of the Indy Pride Chris Gonzalez Library and Archives, ca. 1960s-2016. Indiana Historical Society.

Out in Indy: Dragging Indianapolis LGBTQ History Out of the Closet. Accessed online. < <https://indianahumanities.org/get-the-gab-on-out-in-indy>>.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains thirty-five color photographs separated into two folders.

The first folder contains photographs of a drag show at The Pub (Indianapolis) in 1982. Performers include Le Noritake, Jenny Anytime, Ineeda Peters (Jack Cherry), Lotta Miles (Gary Chatman), and Pam Zeman.

The second folder contains photographs of a drag show at The Ruins (Indianapolis) in 1982 called "Revue at the Ruins." Performers include Lotta Miles (Gary Chatman) among many unnamed. Georgia Cravey (donor of the photographs) also appears.

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Show at The Ruins, 1982 ["Revue at the Ruins"]

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