



Guide to the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
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ID:	MS-00873
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Physical Description:	0.78 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 flat file (shared box))
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Abstract:	The Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Records (2005-2018) contain organizational records of the Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an LGBTQIA+ charity and advocacy organization in Las Vegas, Nevada. The records include agendas and meeting minutes, financial records, press material, awards, and certificates of appreciation for the organization. Also included are financial records for the organization's annual Red Dress charity fundraiser and the Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), the grant fund that provides financial assistance to AIDS/HIV patients.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Sin City Sisters are the Las Vegas, Nevada chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an LGBTQIA+ charity and advocacy group that uses drag and religious imagery to call attention to sexual intolerance. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were founded in San Francisco, California in 1979 and the Holy Order Sin Sister Sisters were founded in Las Vegas in June 2005. The Sisters

of Perpetual Indulgence have over thirty chapters in the United States and they participate in issues such as AIDS education, political activism, and protest for the LGBTQ community.

A main mission of the Sin City Sisters is to raise money for the Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), which offers financial assistance to HIV/AIDS patients. The group advocates for LGBTQ rights and visibility, and safer sex outreach to the Las Vegas community. The Sin City Sisters have become well-known in the Las Vegas community for their "bar ministry," where they hand out "safe sin sacks" with packets of materials for safer sex. The Sisters attend HIV/AIDS events and fundraisers and generate awareness for AIDS/HIV education and advocacy. Their primary fundraisers, which raise money for the drug assistance program, are the annual Project Nunway fashion show and the annual Red Dress event.

Sources:

Peterson, Kristen. "Sisters Acts." *Las Vegas Weekly*. March 25, 2010. Accessed December 12, 2018. <https://lasvegasweekly.com/news/2010/mar/25/sisters-acts/#/0>.

Pryzbys, John. "Runway show benefits Holy Order Sin City Sisters nonprofit." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. October 14, 2017. Accessed December 12, 2018. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/life/fashion/runway-show-benefits-holy-order-sin-city-sisters-nonprofit-photos/>.

Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. "Holy Order Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc." Accessed December 12, 2018. <http://sinsitysisters.org/>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred from the Nevada State Museum and Library in 2017 and in 2021; accession numbers 2017-159, 2021-084.

Processing Note

Dennis McBride's original descriptions of collection contents have been retained. In 2018, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Charity organization
- Social advocacy
- Safe sex in AIDS prevention
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Gay community
- Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Database printout index of all Sin City Sisters mentions in Las Vegas press, 2006-2011	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2005	box 01
Financial records, 2005	box 01
Financial records: disbursements, 2005-2007	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2006	box 01
Financial records, 2007	box 01
Financial records: events, 2007	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2008	box 01
Financial records, 2008	box 01
Financial records: events, 2008	box 01
Financial records: Red Dress, 2008	box 01
Financial records: Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP), 2008	box 01
Agendas and minutes, 2009	box 01
Agendas and minutes: United Nuns Privy Council, 2009	box 01
Financial records, 2009	box 01
Financial records: Red Dress, 2009	box 01
Financial records: SADAP, 2009	box 01
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Agendas and minutes: community forums, 2010	box 02
Financial records, 2010	box 02
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Financial records: SADAP, 2010	box 02
Agendas and minutes, 2011	box 02
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Financial records: Red Dress, 2011	box 02
Financial records: SADAP, 2011	box 02
International Drag Day proposal, 2011 July 13	box 02
Agendas and minutes, 2012	box 02
Financial records, 2012	box 02
Financial records: Red Dress, 2012	box 02
Financial records: SADAP, 2012	box 02
Awards and certificates, 2006-2011	box 02

Awards and certificates with presentation folders, 2007-2012	box 02	
Reno's Biggest Little Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: exequatur celebration, 2010 October 8-10	box 02	
Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN): solicitation press kit for the 17th annual AIDS walk, 2007 April 15	box 02	
"Latex Lust if Fun" advertisement: photographic print, approximately 2005	box 02	
"Celebrate Diversity" advertisement: photographic print, 2005	box 02	
Two Sisters at unknown event: photographic print, approximately 2005	box 02	
Thank you note to the Sisters from Joy Wilson, Director of Social Ministries for the Northwest Community Church, approximately 2005	box 02	
Flier with narrative about the Valley of Fire and written monologue by "Dimitri B.", 2005	box 02	
Stack of uncut tickets to the Sister' "Rough, Tough, Red All Over" Red Dress event , 2010 February 26	box 02	
Attendance packet from Loosy Lust Bea Lady (Tracy Dean Skinner) for the Fifth Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence World Conclave, 2006 June 02 to 2006 June 11	box 02	
"Art is a Sin" Red Dress event blank name badge, 2017	box 02	
"Living La Vida Roja" Red Dress event card flier, 2018 February 21	box 02	
"Art is a Sin" Red Dress extravaganza program, 2017 February 25	box 02	
"Project Nunway, Las Vegas/7 Deadly Sins/Vice & Virtue" event program, 2016 October 01	box 02	
Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence organizational information sheet, 2016	box 02	
"Living La Vida Roja" Red Dress event programs, 2018 February 18	box 02	
"7 Deadly Sins Birthday Bash" poster, approximately 2009	oversized box SH-081	flat file 03
"5,000 Good Reasons to Wear a Red Dress" poster, 2009 February 21	oversized box SH-081	flat file 03
"NALA Ayuda a la Comunidad Latina de Nevada/The Sisters Salute/NALA Cares!" poster, 2009	oversized box SH-081	flat file 03
"Everyone Walks" AFAN AIDS walk poster, 2009 April 19	oversized box SH-081	flat file 03
"Big Horn Rodeo" event poster, 2009		

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"Sin City Sisters on a ministry in the deserts of Nevada spreading the good word about MCC of Las Vegas" poster

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"What are you going to do to end the silence?" National Day of Silence poster, 2009 April 17

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"Christmas in July" poster for FOCUS (Finding Our Clients Useful Solutions), 2009

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