



Guide to the D. L. Washburn Photograph Collection on Sasha's Nightclub and Restaurant

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Washburn, D. L.
Collector:	McBride, Dennis
Title:	D. L. Washburn Photograph Collection on Sasha's Nightclub and Restaurant
ID:	PH-00412
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 2001 to 2003
Physical Description:	0.19 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The D. L. Washburn Photograph Collection on Sasha's Nightclub and Restaurant is comprised of primarily candid photographs of patrons and entertainers such as musicians, female impersonators, and male strippers at Sasha's Nightclub in Las Vegas, Nevada from approximately 2001 to 2003. The collection includes photographs of Sasha Scarlett with patrons and entertainers at the nightclub. The majority of individuals in this collection are unidentified.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

Sasha's Nightclub and Restaurant opened in late 2001 at 4640 Paradise Road in Las Vegas, Nevada. Owner D. L. Washburn named the club after Las Vegas female impersonator Sasha Scarlett (given name Josh Ryan) who also managed the club. Sasha's was a regular venue for performances by singers Michael Cagle, Michael LaRocca, Kenny Kerr, and Rudy de la Mor.

Sasha's was noted for female impersonation and drag shows, and served as meeting space for the Lambda Business Association and other Las Vegas lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) organizations. Washburn also served the Las Vegas Hawaiian community with occasional "Hawaiian Night" shows. Scarlett served as board president of the Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI). In 2003, they were accused of financial malfeasance and mismanagement of the 2003 Las Vegas Gay Pride event and was subsequently removed from the Pride board. On June 7, 2003 the nightclub name was changed to Tramps, which later closed. Source:

Pérez, PJ. 2005. "Pride And Perseverance" *Las Vegas Weekly*. Accessed September 2019. <https://lasvegasweekly.com/news/archive/2005/may/26/pride-and-perseverance/>

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Arrangement

Materials remain in the order they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Dennis McBride in 2019; accession number 2019-023.

Processing Note

Materials were arranged by Dennis McBride in 2014. In 2019 Tammi Kim rehoused the collection. In 2020, Sarah Jones revised the finding aid and created a box-level summary of materials.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Nightclubs
- Gay community
- Sasha's Nightclub and Restaurant (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Entertainers and patrons in Sasha's Nightclub, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, approximately 2001 to 2003 Physical Description: 425 Photographic Prints	box 01