

Guide to the Marge Jacques Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Jacques, Marge (Marguerite)
Title:	Marge Jacques Papers
ID:	MS-00438
Date [inclusive]:	1960-1990
Physical Description:	1.25 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Marge Jacques Papers (1960-1990) comprise the personal papers of Marge Jacques, a prominent member of the Las Vegas, Nevada gay and lesbian community, and owner of the gay bar, Le Cafe. The papers contain correspondence, licensing records, financial statements, and artifacts from clubs that Jacques owned or managed. Also included are photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, newspaper clippings, and Gipsy Nightclub promotional material.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Marge Jacques moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1959 and worked as a cocktail waitress at the Sands Hotel and Golden Nugget until 1970. In 1970 Jacques purchased the Club de Paris and changed the name to Le Cafe. Le Cafe was the first openly gay bar in Las Vegas. Le Cafe produced *Gay Notes*, the first gay publication that covered news and gossip about the Las Vegas gay community. Le Cafe closed after a fire in 1978 and Jacques went on to operate and manage two gay bars, the Other Place (1978) and Village Station (1980), which later became Gipsy (1981). In 1983 Jacques reopened Le Cafe with the new name, Disco Le Cafe and Restaurant, however, the business failed after less than a year. In addition to her business career, Jacques was an active figure in the gay community, appearing on local television programs and lecturing about gay people and gay life in Las Vegas. Jacques moved away from Las Vegas in 1984 and died in 2001 in Arizona.

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Arrangement

Material remains in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Marge's niece Aline Jacques in 2001; accession number 2001-022.

Processing Note

This collection is partially processed. An inventory of the videotapes was created by Dennis McBride. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, a rough inventory of the accession was created by Hannah Robinson. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents

list, estimate dates, and identify material types. No other work has been performed on the materials. Hannah Robinson wrote the collection description and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2015, Joyce Moore added one box of photographs to the collection.

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Names and Subjects

- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- 20th century -- Gay clubs
- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Gay business enterprises
- Nevada -- 20th century -- Gay community

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
Documents: business licensing records for Gipsy, expense records, event calendars, financial records for Disco Le Cafe and Restaurant and the Other Place, court case proceedings, liquor licenses, and employee contracts; Photographs: autographed picture of Joan Rivers and others; Audiotapes: labeled "Jacques 5-28-95"; Ephemera: Gipsy flyers and newsletters, newspaper clippings; Artifacts: two Le Cafe t-shirts, rosary, shot glass; Videotapes: home taped cabaret shows, musical and comedy revues, skits, 1960-1980s	box 01	
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-01:00:14 [Shameless Hussies, 2nd show; Suzanne Buhrer; Maxim Hotel, (quality: good)], 1983 April 05	box 01	item 01
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-1:01:48 [Shameless Hussies, full show; Suzanne Buhrer; Maxim Hotel, (quality: good)], 1980s	box 01	item 02
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-1:02:00 [Shameless Hussies, 2nd show; Suzanne Buhrer; Maxim Hotel, (quality: OK)], 1983 May 20	box 01	item 03
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-01:46:54 [The Orphan's Revenge; UNLV and DTA Production; Suzanne Buhrer; Judy Bayley Theatre; (quality: iffy)]; 01:46:55-01:59:45 [The Orphan's Revenge: actors and outtakes; UNLV and DTA Production; Suzanne Buhrer; Judy Bayley Theatre, (quality: iffy)], 1980s	box 01	item 04
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-00:52:37 [Memories of a Musical Revue and Revue Memories; Suzanne Buhrer, et. al; Gipsy nightclub, (quality: good!)], 1983 January 16	box 01	item 05
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-1:19:55 [sample rough cuts of bar background video and music, (quality: good)], 1980s	box 01	item 06
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-1:42:41 [Hot Ginger and Dynamite; Suzanne Buhrer, et. al.; Meadows Playhouse, (quality: good)], 1980s	box 01	item 07
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-01:00:14 [Shameless Hussies; Suzanne Buhrer, et. al.; Maxim Hotel, (quality: OK)], 1980s	box 01	item 08

VHS videotape: 00:00:00-01:03:58 [David Harris and Suzanne Buhner at Disco Le Cafe, (quality: good sound, fair visual)]; 01:04:10-2:05:10 [The Orphan's Revenge; Suzanne Buhner, et. al; Thunderbird Hotel, (quality: good sound, fair visual)], 1983-1984	box 01	item 09
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-1:31:32 [The Stripper (commercial film shot in Las Vegas, starring Janette Boyd), (quality: good)], 1980s	box 01	item 10
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-00:31:02 [Suzanne Buhner and Maggie Montgomery at the Country Club, (quality: fair)]; 01:31:12-1:59:2 [Suzanne Buhner interviewed by Kerin Scianna (Rodgers) on Kerin's show, The People Speak, (quality: iffy at start, gets better)], 1981 June 19	box 01	item 11
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-00:43:28 [Five Shameless Hussies; Suzanne Buhner; Gipsy nightclub, (quality: good)]; 00:43:30-01:28:00 [Five Shameless Hussies; Suzanne Buhner; Gipsy nightclub, (quality: good)], 1983 February 03	box 01	item 12
VHS videotape: 00:00:00-01:42:17 [Hot Ginger and Dynamite; Suzanne Buhner, et. al., (quality: fair)]; 01:42:18-01:55:28 [Merv Griffen Show from the Riviera Hotel; Suzanne Buhner, Maggie Montgomery, Joe Rosenberry (male stripper) (quality: good)]; 01:55:33-02:13:15 [Suzanne Buhner and Maggie Montgomery at the Country Club, (quality: fair)]; 02:13:16-02:20:35 [Suzanne Buhner at the Gipsy nightclub, with short appearance by Marge Jacques, (quality: fair)]; 02:20:36-02:26:26 [Lady and the Outlaws; Suzanne Buhner and Maggie Montgomery; the Country Club, (quality: fair)], 1980s	box 01	item 13
Beau Arts Ball photographs, 1990	box 02	
Photographs with friends, undated Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02	
Photographs of the Grand opening of Disco Le Cafe, 1983 October	box 02	