



## **"Gaydreams" audio recordings, 1989-1995 : Ms.Coll.8**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Gaydreams (Radio show : Philadelphia, Pa.).
<b>Title:</b>	"Gaydreams" audio recordings
<b>ID:</b>	Ms.Coll.8
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1989-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 boxes
<b>Physical Location:</b>	East wall, alcove
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	<i>Gaydreams</i> was among the first gay radio programs in the United States when it debuted in 1974 on the University of Pennsylvania's public radio station WXPN out of Philadelphia. The <i>Gaydreams</i> audio recordings, 1989-1995, consist of dozens of tapes of the radio show in several formats.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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When *Sunshine Gaydreams* debuted in 1974 it was the first weekly gay radio program on the East Coast, and perhaps in the United States. Its creator was John Zeh. The hour-long gay issues program, broadcast over the University of Pennsylvania's public station WXPN-FM, soon shortened its name to *Gaydreams*. In 1996 the show was taken over by Robert Drake, who renamed it *Q'zine* while shifting the focus to a greater emphasis on music and arts. *Q'zine* is still broadcasting as of 2012.

### Bibliography:

Sterling, Christopher H. and Michael C. Keith. *Sounds of Change: A History of FM Broadcasting in America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008. Page 135.

WXPN. "Q'zine." Accessed July 2, 2012. <http://xpn.org/xpn-programs/qzine>.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This collection consists of dozens of audio recordings of the *Gaydreams* radio show in several formats: reel-to-reels, audiocassettes, and digital audio tapes (DAT). Most of the tapes are well labeled with broadcast date and interviewees (including Edmund White and Greg Louganis) or weekly theme.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Conditions Governing Access Note

Contact John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia for information about accessing this collection.

### Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR), using data provided by the John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia. The HCI-PSAR project was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was done in the HCI-PSAR project.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials Note

University of Pennsylvania, University Archives and Records Center: WXPB-FM (Radio station: Philadelphia) Records, 1986-1999, UPF 10.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Gays
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Public radio
- Radio broadcasting
- Radio programs for gays
- Sexual minorities
- Gaydreams (Radio show : Philadelphia, Pa.).
- WXPB (Radio station : Philadelphia, Pa.).