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Summary

Main entry:	Grillo, Rudy
Title:	Rudy Grillo sound recordings, 1970-1989
Size:	1 linear foot (3 boxes)
Source:	Donated by Rudy Grillo, 1992
Abstract:	The Rudy Grillo sound recordings consist of 56 audiotapes and some papers relating to Grillo's work as a producer for WBAI-FM, a listener-supported radio station in New York City.
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Related materials note

Gay Activists Alliance Records. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library. .

Biographical note

Rudy Grillo was a producer of radio programs for WBAI-FM in New York City. In 1980 Grillo was promoted to the position of Program Director of WBAI's Gay Men's Department, which he held until its dissolution in 1982.

Scope and content note

The Rudy Grillo sound recordings consist chiefly of audiotapes of *Gay Rap* and other gay radio programs broadcast on WBAI, 1970-1989. Most were produced by WBAI or its sister stations in the Pacifica radio network. The programs cover such topics as gay and lesbian rights, activism, celebrations, music, and celebrity interviews. Included also are recordings Grillo made at Gay Activist Alliance meetings and events, 1971-1973, miscellaneous recordings on gay issues and a small amount of correspondence and printed material related to his work as a radio producer at WBAI.

Arrangement note

The Rudy Grillo Sound Recordings are organized in the following series:

Series I. Sound Recordings, 1971-1989

Series II. Papers, 1973-1988

Series descriptions and container list

Series I. Sound Recordings, 1971-1989

A. WBAI Radio Broadcasts, 1974-1989

1. *Gay Rap*, 1977-1985

Gay Rap was the weekly one-hour program produced by WBAI's Gay Men's department which aired from the mid- 1970s until 1985. Grillo produced these shows and often participated in the programs. The series is arranged chronologically.

<u>Unit ID</u>	
02772- 02773	Gay Politics, 1977 Oct. 27-28 Rudy Grillo, "Mama" Jean DeVente, Frank Richter, David Wynyard, Greg Gazis, Hot Peaches (Ian McKay), Ken Sherrill, Lee Solomon, participants.
02770- 02771	Excerpts - Poetry, Songs, Phone Calls, 1977 Nov. 18 Selections from Hot Peaches (Ian McKay), "The Priest and the Acolyte," "What makes a Man." Fund raising.
02758	Greg Gazis, David Wynyard, Frank Richter, Minette, McKay, participants. What is the Gay Community?, 1977 Dec. 30 Discussion on the state of the New York gay community. Channel 9 news report on Ed Koch's executive order banning government discrimination based on sexual orientation. Comments by Jean DeVente, songs by Hot Peaches. Taped 12/26/77.
02760	Frank Richter, David Wynyard, Greg Gazis, hosts; Ian McKay, Rudy Grillo, DeVente, participants. Interview with Charles Pitts, 1978 Mar. 31 Charles Pitts recounts details of a brutal beating he received on Greenwich Village street. The discussion includes listener phone calls. David Wynyard, host.
02763	Lesbians - Sid Smith, 1979 June 6, 1979 July 11 Rudy Grillo and Sid Smith discuss relations between gay men and lesbians.
02774- 02778	Gay Moments in Straight Music, 1979 July 25, Sep. 19, Dec. 26; 1980 Mar. 20, Nov. 19 A five-part series exploring the role of gay men and lesbians in popular song. Playlists available in Papers box 1, folder 3.
02761	Rudy Grillo, host, producer. Interview with Bebe, 1979 Sep. 26 Interview with Bebe on the subject of transvestism.
02765- 02766	Rudy Grillo, host, producer. Politics of Sexual Assassination, 1979 Oct. 6 Documentary on the murder of George Moscone and Harvey Milk in San Francisco.
02734	Produced by the Fruit Punch Collective, Berkeley, CA National March on Washington, wrap-up, 1979 Oct. 17 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, October 14, 1979. Discussion with Gay Rap crew: Isaac Jackson, David Wynyard, Sidney Smith, Fred Goldhaber, Rudy Grillo, Brian Williams. Featuring Brandy Moore. Gay Radio Collective (Greg Gordon, Lucia Chapelle, Bruce Pennington, Amie Sands, Jock Church, Art Eriton, David Wynyard, Teddy Swanson, David Myers, Phil Bogen, Joan Spray), production. produced at KPFK Pacifica Radio (Los Angeles).

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02762 Laugh and be Gay, 1979, Oct. 24
Various television bits dealing with homosexuality in a comical way. Included are clips from All in the Family. Material added for 12/31/86 broadcast (The Brothers Butch). Humor on recordings by and about gays - Lenny Bruce, Danny Kaye, Bea Lillie and others.

Rudy Grillo, host, producer.
- 02780 Life Through Lavender Lenses, 1980 Jan. 30
Reviews of Bent Letters of Oscar Wilde.

Rudy Grillo, host, producer.
- 02738 Gayjavu, 1980 Feb. 6
Lesbian and gay history and songs.

Produced by Pacifica Radio (KPFK) California 06/27/79.
- 02735 Rosa von Praunheim, 1980 Feb. 20
Interview with Rosa von Praunheim -- Calendar of events.

Isaac Jackson, host; Dennis Coleman, announcer.
- 02739 Off Air Monthly, 1980 Apr. 2
Speech at a Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Rights meeting (David Thorstad) -- Money money (Rudy Grillo).

David Wynyard, Fred Goldhaber, Thorstad, Grillo, hosts.
- 02767-02769 It's De-Lovely, Cole Porter Special, 1980 June 9
Birthday tribute to Cole Porter. His words and music with brief biographical notes based on *Cole Porter: a biography* by Charles Schwartz, 1977.

Rudy Grillo, host, producer.
- 02759 Minette: Recollections of a Part-Time Lady, 1980 July 23
Interview with Minette, a female impersonator. Songs and piano. Minette discusses his life experiences and his book edited by Steven Watson and Ray Dobbins.

Rudy Grillo, host, producer.
- 02779 S&M Discussion, 1980 Sep. 27
Discussion and music about sadomasochism.

Produced by the Fruit Punch Collective at KPFM.
Guests: Janus Society
- 02740 New York City Gay Men's Chorus, 1980 Dec. 19
Christmas concert recorded at Cooper Union's Great Hall.

Rudy Grillo, producer; Dennis Coleman, technical assistance; Natalie Budelis, Sidney Smith, Dennis Coleman, Field recording crew.
- 02748 This Time Broadway, 1981 May 27
Concert by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus recorded live on 03/22/81 at Bond International Casino (disco).

Paul Kowal, Rudy Grillo, producer; S.J. Allyn, engineer; Dennis Coleman, technical assistant.
- 02729 Off Air Monthly, 1981 Aug. 2
News wrap-up. House of Representatives strikes down a sexual assault law.
- 02744 Off Air Monthly, 1981 Aug. 5
News wrap-up on gay and lesbian issues. Interview with John Zeh "Wormy Apple."

David Wynyard, Wayne Sunday, Fred Goldhaber, Rudy Grillo, hosts.

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02743

In New York and Gay in the 1950s, 1981 Nov. 18
Examination of gay life in the 1950s and before the gay movement. A mix of history, memories, and music. Jean DeVente recalls Riis Park Beach. Intro and ending by Lyn Samuels.

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Rudy Grillo, writer, producer; DeVente, participant.
WBAI 25th anniversary, final *Gay Rap* show, 1985 Jan. 30
Final *Gay Rap* broadcast on 01/30/85 before the change of title to *The Gay Show*. Clips from vintage gay programs. Interview with Randy Wicker. Discussion on making homosexuality a political issue. Excerpts from *Little Mary Sunshine*, a 1959 off-Broadway musical.

Randy Wicker, Charles Pitts, Pete Wilson, Baird Searles, Frank Richter, Rudy Grillo, R. Paul Martin, participants.

2. Other WBAI Broadcasts, 1974-1989

02737

Gay Pride
Discussion about the plans for Gay Pride '74. Featuring members of Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee.
"Mama" Jean DeVente, Sue Spaulding, Rudy Grillo, John Pascarella, participants.

02736

Quentin Crisp, 1979 Feb. 02
Interviews with Quentin Crisp by "The Laughing Cavalier" and Jessica Schuman.

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National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, 1979 Oct. 14
Rally, speeches and songs. Rudy Grillo in New York and David Wynyard in D.C. Also includes WBAI news report

Individuals: Eleanor Smeal (President of NOW), Betty Santoro (Lesbian Feminist Federation), Charles Law (Director of the Institute Research of Texas Southern University), Kate Millett (Feminist, activist, writer), Troy Perry (Metropolitan community church), Sky Rose (Lesbian from gay youth), Florence Kennedy (Attorney), Steve Alt (activist from New York, member of the organizing committee of the march), Leonard Matlovich, Representative Ted Weiss (Co-sponsor of House Resolution 2074).

Entertainment: Meg Christian, Holly Near, Tod Robinson, Linda Trillary, Mary Watkins, Robin Tyler (lesbian comic), Allen Ginsberg, and others.

Gay Radio Collective (Greg Gordon, Lucia Chapelle, Bruce Pennington, Amie Sands, Jock Church, Art Eriton, David Wynyard, Teddy Swanson, David Myers, Phil Bogen, Joan Spray), production.

02726

Produced at KPFFK, Pacifica Radio (Los Angeles)
Child Abuse in the Gay Community, 1980 Feb. 13
Sidney Smith discusses child pornography and NAMBLA. Telephone interview with Bob Berdith, a member of NAMBLA, discussing child pornography and "witch hunts."

Smith, producer, interviewer; Berdith, interviewee; Rudy Grillo, Dennis Coleman, contributors.

- Unit ID
02728 Gay Pride Day coverage & CSLDC, 1980 July 02
Carlos Mondragon makes a speech on behalf of the Gay Atheist group in N.Y. about gay rights and the fight against religion. Fred Goldhaber introduces a presentation by Rainbow, a Native American man.

Mondragon, Goldhaber, Rainbow, David Wynyard, Wayne Sunday, David Thorstad, Isaac Jackson, participants.
- 02725 The Lesbian Radio Show, 1980 July 8
Rose Jordan discusses a play with a lesbian theme. Discussion about rallies, marches and events concerning the lesbian community.

Jordan, host; Denny Covello, Katherine Davenport, participants.
- 02755 Gay Day, 1980 Aug. 27
Panel discussion on the legal aspects of relationships between boys and older men.

Rudy Grillo, host, producer.
- 02757 Gay Day, 1980 Aug. 27
Reading of poems by gay authors and music.

Dennis Coleman, speaker; Rudy Grillo, producer, host.
- 02756 Gay Day, 1980 Aug. 27
Poetry and music about Walt Whitman.

First radio performance by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus. Recorded on Sept. 13, 1980 at WBAI. Featuring works by Orson Welles and Joan Baez.

Rudy Grillo, producer, host; Gary Miller, Don Moschberger, Tom Bradley, guests; Fruit Punch Collective, production.
- 02727 Interview with Little Richard, 1981 Aug. 26
Side 1. David Fraken interviews Little Richard and Bumps Blackwell regarding allegations that Little Richard is "antigay." Little Richard talks about growing up in the south being "feminine" looking and Black. Little Richard discusses religion and how he found God. -- Side 2.
Discussion about Little Richard by musicians Sylvestre & Keith Barrow

David Wynyard, host.
- 02745 The Making of *La Cage aux Folles: the musical*, 1983 Oct. 30
Documentary featuring the songs "Anything goes"; "We are what we are"; "A little more mascara"; "With you in my arms"; "I am what I am" and others.

Paul Lazarus, Jerry Herman, Harvey Fierstein, Arthur Laurents, participants.
- 02741 Stonewall Remembered, 20th anniversary, 1989 June 17
Documentary on the Stonewall riots.
Interviews with gay movement pioneers and veterans. David Isay, producer; Joan Nestle, Randy Wicker, Jean DeVente, Sylvia Rivera, participants.

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B. Gay Activists Alliance, 1971-1973

- 02752 GAA General Meeting, 1971 Jan. 21
Discussion on censuring GAA President Jim Owles over New York Times article from 01/17/1971. Arthur Bell, delegate at large; John Paul Hudson "no confidence" proposal; Arthur Evans followed by former treasurer Rich Wandel. Remarks by Flynn and Edward Sherman. Recorded by Rudy Grillo at the community room the Church of Holy Apostles.

Television clip, *Dick Cavett Show* with esthetic realists.

Merle Miller, Jim Owles, Morty Manford, Arthur Bell, participants
- 02753 GAA General Meeting, 1971 Apr. 28
Motion to investigate misuse of funds. Reports, proposals, discussions, votes.

Mark Rubin (Chairman), Jim Owles (President), Barbara Gittings, Wayne Steinman, Eric Thorndale, Lee Brewster, John Paul Hudson, participants.
- 02751 GAA Cabaret, 1973 Nov. 13
Gay Activists Alliance cabaret recorded at the GAA Firehouse. A tribute to the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee.

Dennis Kilpatrick, announcer; "Mama" Jean DeVente, emcee; Jim Whiting, Meryl Sheppard, Paul Wagner, Alaina Reed, Nancy Parker, entertainers.
- 02752 CSLDC Meeting, 1973 Nov. 13
Discussion on the removal of Con Goodwin as chair, due to his controversial letter to Mayor Beame. Meeting held at the Church of the Beloved Disciple.

Rex Martin, Jean DeVente, Terry Jones, John Ferra, Tom Ralieggh, Rudy Grillo, John Rash, Bebe, Scott Truesdell, Carole Johnson, Eric Nielsen, Sue Spalding, participants.

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C. Miscellaneous Sound Recordings, 1970-1983

- 02750 *David Suskind Show*, 1970
Interviews and discussions on the David Suskind show about "Trash," an underground movie by Andy Warhol and members of Andy Warhol's "factory".

Jackie Curtis, Taylor Mead, Holly Woodlawn, Brea Pecheur, Gerry Miller, Candy Carlilig, Paul Morrissey, Andrea Whips, Michael Sklar, Ondine, Tally Brown, participants.
- 02749 *David Suskind Show*, 1973 Feb. 11
Interviews and discussions on the David Suskind show about homosexual marriages, male and female couples.
- 02730 *How Do Your Children Grow? / Out of the Closets*, 1973 Nov. 3
Side 1. Eda Leshan interviews Joe Arcoparo, a gay school teacher, and his parents. Arcoparo tells how he was treated by his superiors who knew he was homosexual. His parents discuss their feelings and their reaction to their son's coming out. -- Side 2. Recording of a television report about homosexuals and the gay rights movement. Bruce Voeller talks about homosexuals and the goals of the movement; Margaret Sloan, a lesbian, feminist, activist editor for Ms. magazine discusses the lesbian movement and lifestyle. Discussion of hostile interactions between police of the 6th precinct and the gay community.

Bruce Voeller, Margaret Sloan, Dick Smith, Michael Miller, Paul Martin, Ginny Vida, Gay Activists Alliance, participants; Edward Newman, moderator.
- 02747 *Recalling the 1950s*, 1977 Dec. 25
A conversation among friends recorded at Rudy Grillo's home on life in the 1950s for gays and lesbians. Good times and bad times. The popular bars, police harassment, fun and danger at Jacob Riis Park, gay bashing, sex, orgies and cruising, etc.

Jean DeVente, Rudy Grillo, Tracy Childers, participants.
- 02731-
02732 *National March on Washington*, 1979 Oct. 14
A sound scrapbook which tells the story of National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian rights.

Gay Radio Collective (Greg Gordon, Lucia Chapelle, Bruce Penington, Amie Sands, Jock Church, Art Eriton, David Winyard, Teddy Swanson, David Myers, Phil Bogen and Joan Spray, production.

Produced at KPFK (Los Angeles)
- 02746 *Miscellaneous clips*
Side 1. Stockholm gay radio, Gay Liberation week on 9/79 in Sweden. English/Sweden news report, interviews, songs. Discussion on the gay movement in Sweden and how it differs from the movement in the U.S. -- Side 2. CSLDC protest, demonstration on 04/17/75 against parks department and others. Koch executive order to protect gays in city government; Jean DeVente remarks (WWOR-TV Ch. 9 news); "Cruising" (movie) protest / demo. 07/25/79 WBAI news department; Arthur Bell makes a speech at Sheridan Square about the movie; City Council hearing, Gay civil rights bill 02/23/83. Editorial - Rudy Grillo Gay Rap 06/17/81.

Series II. Papers, 1973-1988

Grillo's personal papers consisting of official WBAI correspondence, copies of articles written by Grillo, playlists for *Gay Rap* programs focusing on music, Gay radio related newsclippings and programming guides for WBAI.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	Correspondence, 1979-1981
	2	Articles, 1982-1988
	3	Program playlists, 1979-1980
	4	News clippings, 1973-1982
	5	Program guides, 1980