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Twelve slides of the 1985 Pride parade in Los Angeles, California by Julian Wasser.

### Creator

Wasser, Julian

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.01 Linear Feet 12 35mm slides

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## Biographical and Historical Information

The first Los Angeles Pride Parade took place in 1970. As noted by Christopher Street West, the non-profit that organizes the annual LA Pride celebration, this was only one year after the Stonewall Uprising in New York City that marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement in the United States, and it was "the world's first permitted parade advocating for gay rights" (Christopher West Association, Inc., "About LA Pride"). Since the end of the 1970s, the parade has been held in West Hollywood, a center for the gay community in Los Angeles (Shelby Grad, "From gay bashing to AIDS to same-sex marriage, L.A. pride parade reflects hopes, dreams and despairs").

Julian Wasser is a well-known photojournalist whose career began in Washington, D.C. but who worked extensively in Hollywood; his work appeared in major publications such as Time, Life, Vanity Fair, and more, and it has also been featured in exhibitions (Janet Davies, "Legendary photojournalist Julian Wasser reflects on career, discusses Chicago exhibit").

## Scope and Content

Twelve slides of the Pride parade in 1985 in Los Angeles. They depict members of the LGBTQIA+ community celebrating, marching, riding, and participating in the parade. Two slides are labelled "anti-gay protestors," but they do not appear to depict this. The slides were taken by Julian Wasser for California Features International, Inc.

## Keywords

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## **Arrangement**

The twelve slides in the collection are arranged in the order they were received.