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# October LGBTQ History Programs Highlight Queer History Podcasts, Rare Home Movies and the San Francisco Imperial Council

**San Francisco** — The program series for October 2020 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight queer history podcasts, LGBTQ home movies from as early as the 1930s, the GLBT Historical Society's virtual annual Gala and the history of San Francisco's Imperial Council. All events take place online; registration is required for access to the streaming link. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

Panel Discussion Podcasting LGBTQ History, Part I Wednesday, October 7 12:00–1:30 p.m. Online forum Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

With the advent of more digital media than ever before, people are finding new ways to learn about LGBTQ history and culture, including the podcasts. The last several years have witnessed an explosion in the number of queer voices in podcasting, a powerful tool and medium for teaching LGBTQ history in an accessible, intimate way. In the first of a two-part conversation, prominent queer podcasters whose shows cover the broad spectrum of LGBTQ history will share their experiences, perspectives and tips on how queer history can be shared beyond the classroom through podcasts that potentially reach a global audience. More information is available at https://bit.ly/3aEyH8p. Registration is available at https://bit.ly/2FyV0Rn.

### Film Screening

#### **Reel in the Closet**

Thursday, October 8, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Online forum Admission: free; \$10 suggested donation In honor of LGBTQ History Month, the GLBT Historical Society is teaming up film director Stu Maddox and producer Joseph Applebaum to present a special set of screenings of their 2015 documentary *Reel in the Closet*, which documents the search to identify and preserve rare home movies of LGBTQ people dating back to the 1930s. Containing moving footage drawn largely from the archives of the GLBT Historical Society, the film depicts the personal moments and everyday lives of ordinary queer people in earlier decades. The screenings will take place on Thursdays in October starting on October 8 and will be followed by a Q & A with the filmmakers and a panel of LGBTQ activists and historians. More information is available at https://bit.ly/2YdSG8L. Registration is available as follows. 10/8: https://bit.ly/317IReq. 10/15: https://bit.ly/3haVmvk. 10/22: https://bit.ly/3kUFH5L. 10/29: https://bit.ly/2E4M31T.

#### **Community Event**

Reunion: Making History — The GLBT Historical Society Gala Friday, October 16 6:00–7:30 p.m. Online forum Admission: \$25 suggested donation

Hosted by Peaches Christ and Marga Gomez and featuring performances by opera singer Breanna Sinclairé and multimedia artist and activist Freddie Seipoldt, the GLBT Historical Society's annual Gala, "Reunion: Making History," will be an evening of powerful performances, inspiring presentations and a heartfelt celebration of LGBTQ history-makers. The proceeds directly support our mission of preserving and sharing LGBTQ history. More information and registration are available at glbthistory.org/gala.

#### Film Screening

**50 Years of Fabulous** Friday, October 23 6:00–8:00 p.m. Online forum Admission: \$10; \$7 for GLBT Historical Society members

Together with Frameline and the Roxie Theater, the GLBT Historical Society is co-presenting a virtual screening of *50 Years of Fabulous*. Director Jethro Patalinghug's 2018 documentary chronicles the foundation, history and impact of the world's oldest LGBTQ charity, the Imperial Council. Established in San Francisco in 1965 by activist, drag queen and performer José Sarria — the first openly gay man to run for public office in the United States — the Council is the founding court in the international Imperial Court System, now a global network of LGBTQ nonprofits. The screening will be followed by drag performance by members of the Imperial Council and a panel discussion exploring the ongoing importance of the Council. More information is available at https://bit.ly/2QCGdr8. Tickets are available at https://bit.ly/34RitHZ.

#### ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and

transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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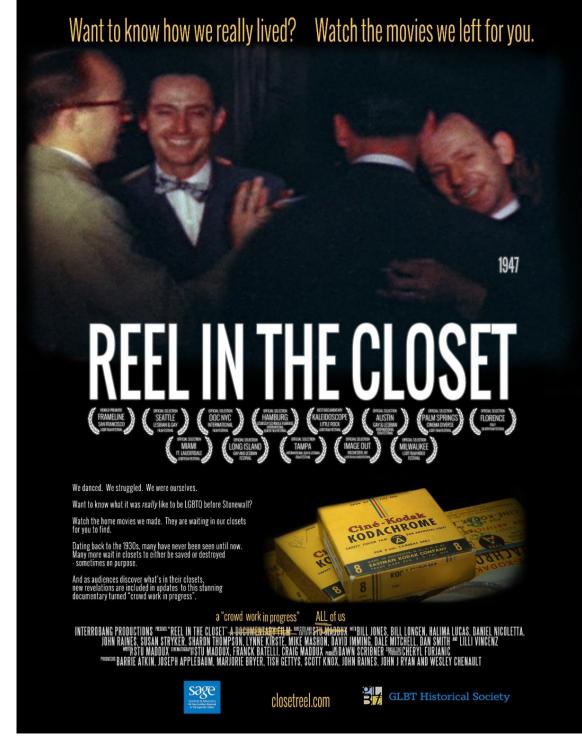
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#### **October 7: Panel — Podcasting LGBTQ History**

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October 8/15/22/29: Film Screening — Reel in the Closet



Poster for Reel in the Closet courtesy of the Clowder Group.

October 16: Community Event — GLBT Historical Society Gala

# REUNION MAKING HISTORY

Friday, October 16 6:00 – 7:30 PM PDT glbthistory.org/gala



Logo for the society's 2019 annual Gala, "Reunion: Making History."



October 23: Film Screening — 50 Years of Fabulous

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