



OUR STORY: CELEBRATING ATLANTA'S LGBTQ+ HISTORY | A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

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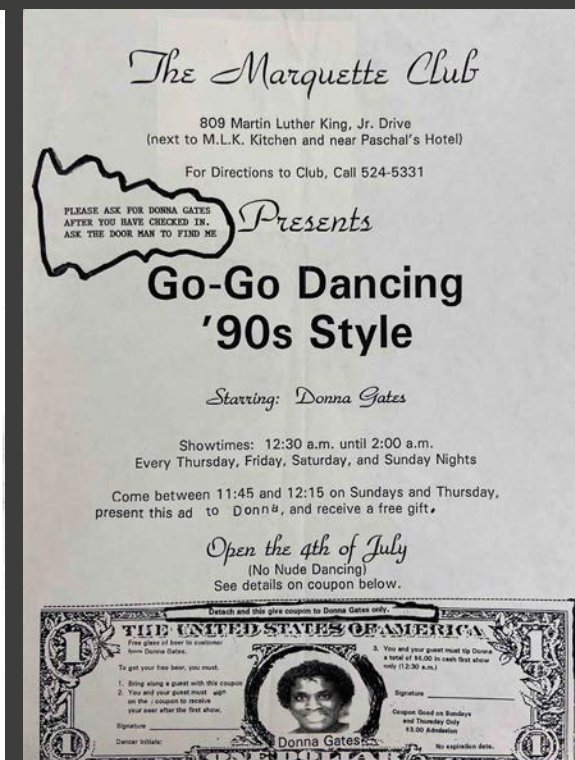
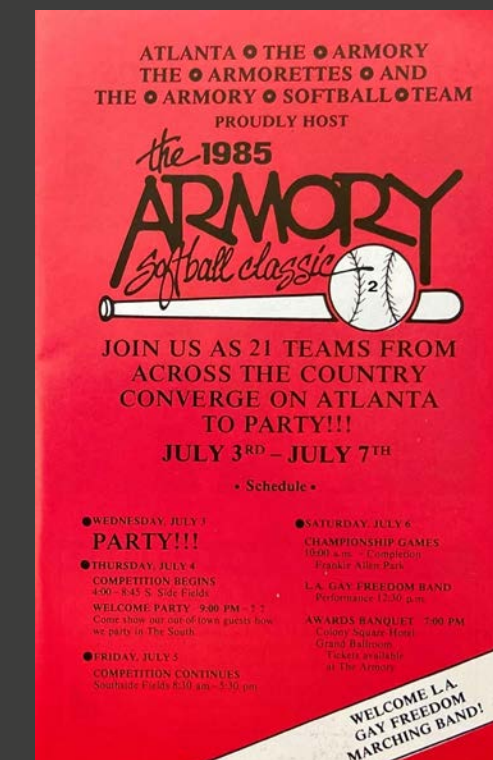
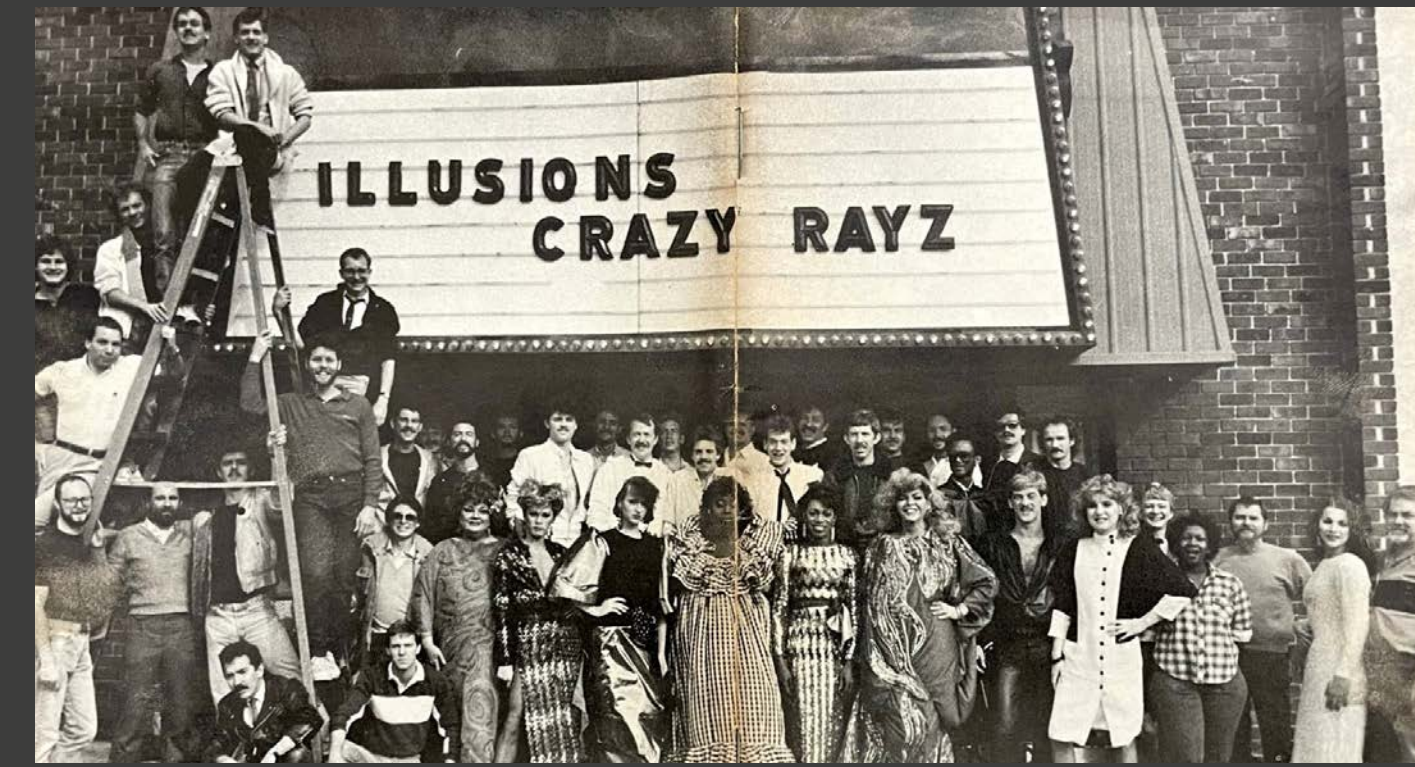


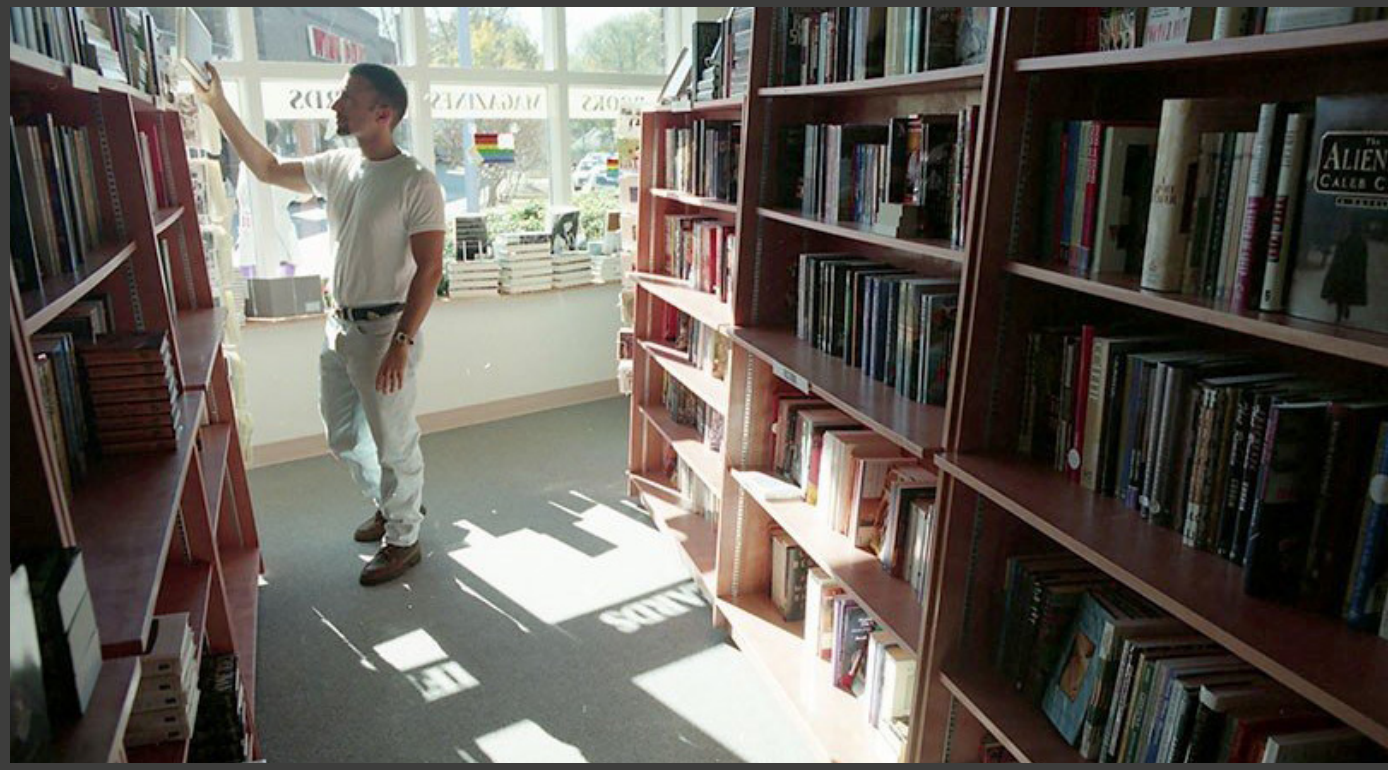
The City of Atlanta's Future Places Project is an initiative to ensure that Atlanta retains its historic identity as the city moves forward.



What is a Historic Context Statement?

- A tool to help assess the historic significance of places that matter to the LGBTQ+ community for potential preservation efforts.
- Prepared by the City of Atlanta and Historic Atlanta, Inc. with substantial grant support from support from Mailchimp, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Historic Preservation Division.
- Will identify and document Atlanta's LGBTQ+ places and spaces, many of which are in danger of being lost.
- Will join other leading cities - including Los Angeles, San Francisco, and the District of Columbia - in proactively documenting and preserving LGBTQ+ sites.





Research focus is on the LGBTQ+ rights movements since the mid-1900's including:

- Early development of the City's LGBTQ+ communities;
- Founding of gay and lesbian rights organizations;
- Police harassment, social control, bar raids, and lawsuits;
- Development of LGBTQ+-friendly communities throughout the city;
- LGBTQ+ rights movement since the 1970s;
- 1980s AIDS epidemic; and
- Identification of historic sites, both existing and lost.



So far, the following themes about LGBTQ+ history in the City of Atlanta have emerged from the Project Team's research:

- Community Life - Social Spaces and Places
- City/State codes, Harassment, Policing, and Social Control
- Advancing LGBTQ+ Rights and Political Activism
- Business, Community, and Recreational Organizations
- LGBTQ+ Healthcare and Advocacy
- LGBTQ+ Media
- Religion in the LGBTQ+ Community
- Arts and Culture
- LGBTQ+ Neighborhoods and Enclaves



Will provide the City of Atlanta and advocacy organizations:

- A first step in a concerted effort to recognize and preserve these spaces;
- Needed guidance on the identification/evaluation of LGBTQ+ historic places and spaces;
- Basis for the nomination of places and spaces significant for their association to LGBTQ+ rights and culture to the Georgia and National Registers of Historic Places; and
- Guidance to the City of Atlanta when considering these places and spaces for designation under the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.



Next Steps in the LGBTQ+ Research Project and Historic Context Statement:

- Additional public input opportunities
- Conclusion of formal grant-related research and the Historic Context Statement - December, 2022
- Oral history sessions - Spring, 2023 - An opportunity to share stories and perspectives on the history of the LGBTQ+ community in Atlanta
- Action by the City of Atlanta and Historic Atlanta in response to the Historic Context Statement, including additional research and adding to the story



Once completed, the Atlanta LGBTQ+ Historic Context Statement:

- Will enable formal recognition of LGBTQ+ historic places and spaces.
- Open doors for property owners to Local, State, and Federal historic preservation tax and zoning incentives. Provide the foundation for potential legal protection of LGBTQ+ places and spaces under the City of Atlanta's Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Serve as a springboard for other preservation-minded programs and research.



LGBTQ+ Historic Context Statement

Do you have a story to tell?

A photograph or research to share?

Want to know about upcoming meetings and information sessions?

Get involved and contribute to the research effort:

lgbtqcontext@historicalatlanta.org

Visit the project website:

atlfutureplaces.com/lgbtq-grant

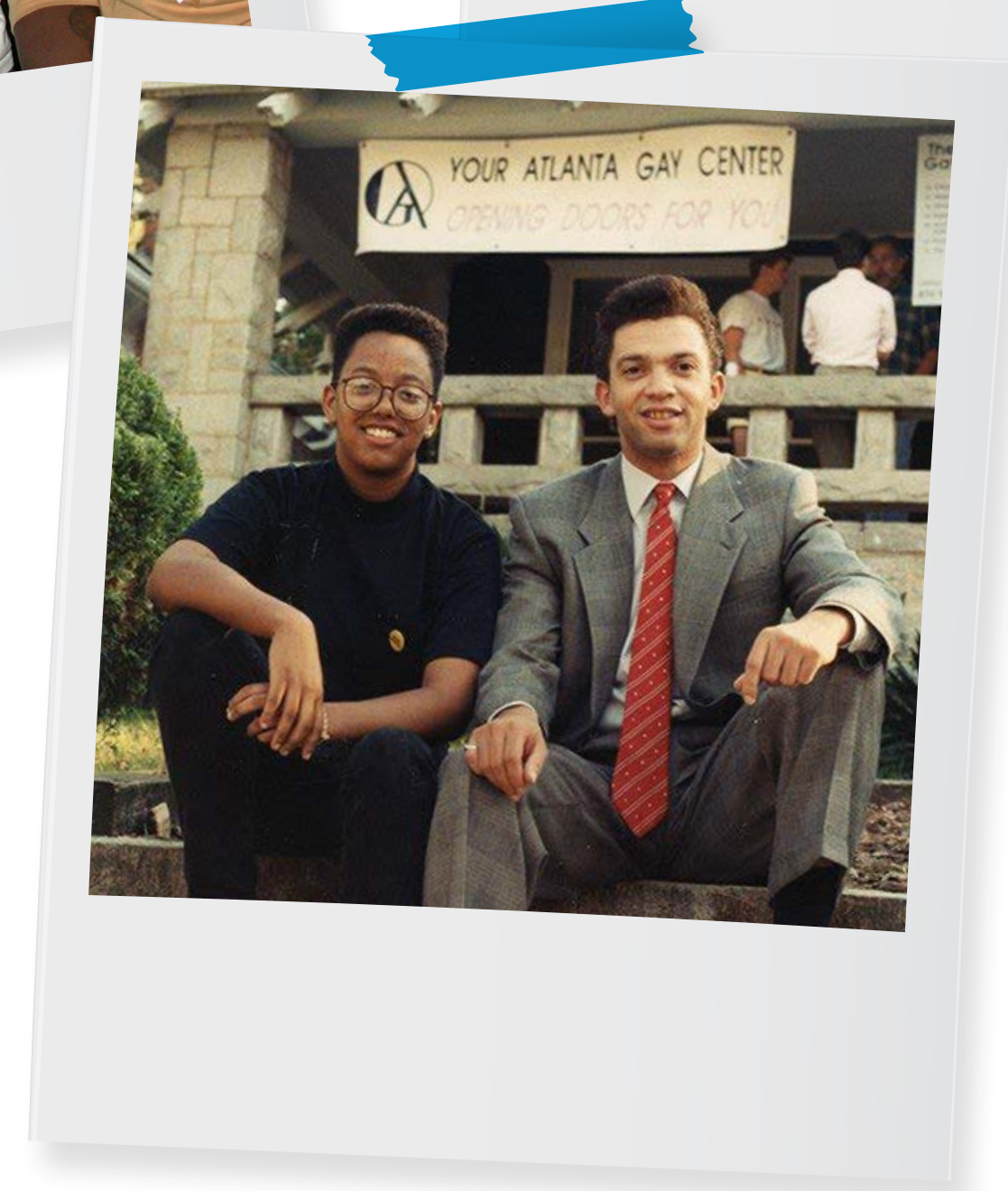
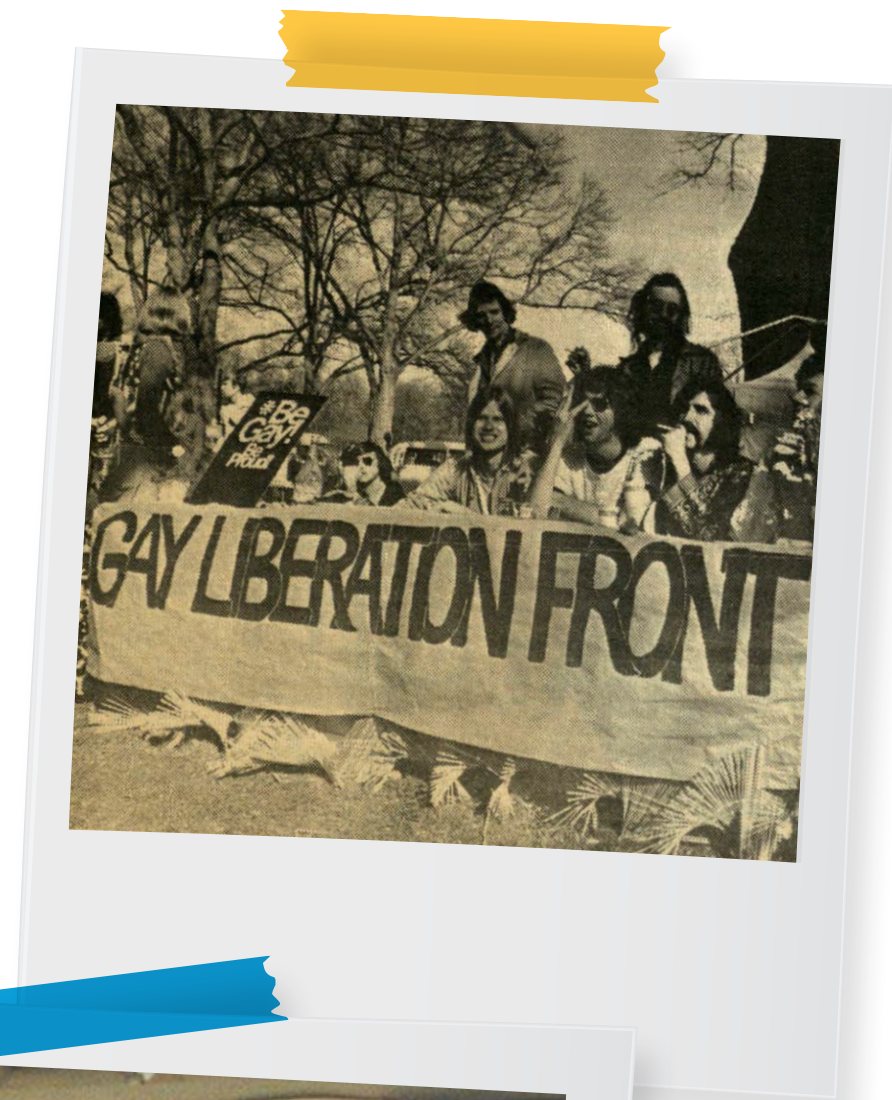
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