



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 10, 2025 (PALM SPRINGS, CA): The LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert is excited to announce the major exhibition, ***UNBRIDLED SPIRIT: Celebrating 35 Years of Leather in Palm Springs.***

The exhibition will be on display from *Thursday October 30 through Sunday, November 2, 2025*, at the Hotel Zoso, 150 S. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs; and is being held in conjunction with *Palm Springs Leather Pride 2025*, the *60th Anniversary of the International Imperial Court System*, and *Halloween on Arenas Road*.

Curated by *Mike Király, MPA, Adjunct Faculty, Social Sciences, Santa Rosa Junior College*, and Vice President of the Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, the exhibit will explore the significant impact of the leather community on the cultural and social landscape of the Coachella Valley over the past 35 years.

"An often overlooked and sometimes hidden aspect of the general LGBT community, we hope this exhibition brings to the forefront how the leather community has helped shape and often fight for gay liberation and rights locally," said David Gray, Co-Director of the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert.

In addition to the exhibition, the Archives will also be presenting a FREE program entitled, ***Leather Women: Celebrating Our Sexuality***, on *Thursday, October 30*, at 6:30 pm, at the Hotel Zoso in conjunction with the exhibition. This program is also a part of CIRCA: Queer Histories Festival of the One Institute and be live streamed.

Panelists for the program include *Cindy Bookout, Ms. Oklahoma Leather 1993 & International Ms. Leather 1994; Shann Carr, Ms. Portland Leather Woman 1987 & International Ms. Leather 1988; Jessica Collins, Ms. Indulgence Spirit of Leather 2025; Sarge, Ms. San Diego 2014 & International Ms. Leather 2015; and Victoria Rendall, (DJ Mixie)*. It will be moderated by *Lex Ortega, Board Member, LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert & Program Coordinator - Palm Springs, The LGBTQ+ Community Center of the Desert*.

For more information about the exhibition or program, be sure and check out the Archives web site at [www.lgbtqshistory.org](http://www.lgbtqshistory.org)

Formed in 2019 the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert is a community-based archive that documents, collects, preserves, and makes accessible the history of LGBTQ individuals, businesses, organizations, and events centered in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley. For more information, please visit their web site [www.lgbtqshistory.org](http://www.lgbtqshistory.org) or follow them on Facebook [@lgbtqshistory](https://www.facebook.com/lgbtqshistory).

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