

Before Stonewall: The Gay Pride Movement in Philadelphia

On July 4, 1965, 7 women and 33 men picketed in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall. On the very spot where Americans first asserted their rights and liberties, this small group of activists demanded equality for gays and lesbians. From these humble beginnings would emerge the Annual Reminder picket, one of the first organized gay rights demonstrations in the country.

Bob Skiba, archivist at the John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives, discusses Reminder Day and the early Homophile movement with playwright Ain Gordon and the audience. Joining the conversation will be Ada Bello, a founding member of the Daughters Of Bilitis Philadelphia Chapter and the Homophile Action League.

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