

## ***Girls Rock! Chicago Records, 2006-2019***

### *Preliminary Finding Aid*

**Creator:** Girls Rock! Chicago

**Extent:** 2.75 linear feet; 2 boxes and 1 Oversize flat file

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago

### **Administration Information**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

**Usage Restrictions:** Copyright for materials created by Girls Rock! Chicago was transferred to the WLA for this collection.

**Preferred Citation:** Identification of item, date, box #, folder #, Girls Rock! Chicago, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago.

**Provenance:** Materials were donated to the WLA in March 2022 by Madeline Leahy (WLA2022.07).

**Processing Information:** This collection is unprocessed. Information in the preliminary finding aid was gathered through an initial inventory. Preliminary finding aid created in 2023.

### **Administrative History**

Girls Rock! Chicago is a 501(c)(3) non-profit music summer camp for girls, transgender, and gender-expansive youth ages 8-16. Through music education programs, Girls Rock! Chicago is dedicated to developing leadership, fostering self-esteem, and encouraging creative expression through music. Campers partake in week-long summer programs and work together to create music, embrace their creativity, and build technical knowledge. According to their website, the organization's stated mission is to "build socially just community with girls and trans youth through music."

Girls Rock! Chicago was founded in 2005 when two-groups of like-minded women who sought to start a Chicago camp came together and combined resources. During this era of formation, Girls Rock! Chicago formed a 9-member board, collected gear, organized fundraisers, and secured a site near Roosevelt University. The camp's first session took place in August 2006 and included 16 campers. According to the most recent publicly available annual report, the organization had grown to serve almost 150 campers in 2014. As of 2023, Girls Rock! Chicago remains an active organization managed by six board of directors, seven full-time staff, and cohorts of volunteers. The co-chairs of the board are Melissa Oglesby and Laura Swanlund.

**Scope and Content**

The Girls Rock! Chicago Records consist of 2.75 linear feet and span the years 2006 to 2019. The collection has been rehoused but has not been processed and is in the original order in which it was received from the donor. Original provenance was maintained whenever possible. The records consist of CD recordings of camper performances, oversized posters, memorabilia, news clippings, and a decorated vinyl record. Subjects covered include girl’s leadership and education, transgender and gender-expansive youth, social justice, summer camp, music, Chicago, creativity, art, and technical training.

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
1	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: undated (2 copies)	
1	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: 2006 (2 copies)	2006
1	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: 2008 (2 copies)	2008
1	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: 2009 (2 copies)	2009
1	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: June 2010 (2 copies)	2010
1	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2010 (2 copies)	2010
1	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: June 2011 (2 copies)	2011
1	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2011 (2 copies)	2011
1	3	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: June 2012 (2 copies)	2012
1	3	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2012 (2 copies)	2012
1	3	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2013 (2 copies)	2013
1	3	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2013 (2 copies)	2013
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: June 2014 (3 copies)	2014
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2014 (2 copies)	2014
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2015 (2 copies)	2015
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2015 (2 copies)	2015
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2016 (2 copies)	2016
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2016 (2 copies)	2016
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2017 (2 copies)	2017
2	1	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2017 (2 copies)	2017
2	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2018 (2 copies)	2018
2	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2018 (3 copies)	2018
2	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: July 2019 (2 copies)	2019
2	2	Girls Rock! Chicago CD: August 2019 (2 copies)	2019
2	3	Girls Rock! Chicago 2017 logo stamped fabric (2 pieces)	2017
2	4	“Do good,” Red Eye news article, Jan. 18, 2018 p. 20	2018

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2	5	Girls Rock! Chicago black drawstring bag	
FF	9	OS Memorabilia: Girls Rock! record (L) painted/drawn with Chicago flag and words "independence, creativity, safe, power, music, etc."	
FF	9	OS Poster: End of Camp Extravaganza: August 2007	2007
FF	9	OS Poster: End of Camp Extravaganza: August 2009	2009
FF	9	OS Poster: End of Camp Extravaganza: June 2010	2010
FF	9	OS Poster: End of Camp Extravaganza: August 2010	2010
FF	9	OS Poster: End of Camp Extravaganza: June 2011	2011