



# Massachusetts Hip-Hop Archive

In 2016, University Archives & Special Collections in the Joseph P. Healey Library at UMass Boston launched the Massachusetts Hip-Hop Archive with an initial donation by Pacey Foster of recordings from the Lecco's Lemma radio program, a local rap music show that was founded by Magnus Johnstone and ran from 1985 to 1988. The Lecco's Lemma Collection contains nearly 300 demos by local artists that were given to Magnus, as well as nearly 200 recordings of the show made by Willie "Loco" Alexander. Explore the collection and learn more at [tinyurl.com/mass-hip-hop-archive](http://tinyurl.com/mass-hip-hop-archive).

As we continue to develop this new collection area, we welcome donations of archival materials from musicians, DJs, breakdancers, graffiti artists, producers, promoters, and fans that will help us document the rich heritage and legacy of hip-hop culture in Boston and Massachusetts.

## Contribute to the Collection

Do you have **original & unique** materials related to hip-hop in Boston and Massachusetts that you think should become part of the Massachusetts Hip-Hop Archive?

### Questions?

Contact an archivist at UMass Boston by emailing [library.archives@umb.edu](mailto:library.archives@umb.edu).

## What kinds of materials do we collect?

Audio and video recordings  
(cassettes, videotapes, and film reels)

Original photographs, negatives, and slides

Flyers, promotional materials, and unique publications and magazines

Letters, diaries, and other firsthand accounts

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