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**DATE CORRECTION:**  
Exhibition Opening Reception

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Note: The media release sent earlier today for the May 2019 program series sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society included a typo in the date for an exhibition opening reception. **May 16** is a **Thursday**, not a Friday as originally indicated. The correct program information is listed below:

**Exhibition Opening**

**The Mayor of Folsom Street: The Life and Legacy of Alan Selby**

Thursday, May 16

7:00–9:00 p.m.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum

4127 18th St., San Francisco

Admission: \$5; free for members

A new exhibition at the GLBT Historical Society Museum uses archival documents, photographs, artifacts, fine art and digital displays to document the life of Alan Selby, also known as Mr. S, who opened the iconic leather and kink retail store Mr. S. Leather in the SoMa district in 1979. One of San Francisco's longest-lived and best-known queer retail establishments, Mr. S. Leather grew into a de facto community center as well as an international destination.

Curated by Jordy Jones, Jeremy Prince and Gayle Rubin, and drawing on the Alan Selby papers preserved in the society's archives, this transdisciplinary exhibition situates Selby's life within the context of a changing SoMa neighborhood, AIDS charities and the emergence of a distinct queer leather and kink culture. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2UairWO>.

**ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

Open since January 2011, the GLBT Historical Society Museum (formerly known as the GLBT History Museum) is the first full-scale, stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States. Its Main Gallery features a long-term exhibition on San Francisco LGBTQ history, "Queer Past Becomes Present."

Its Front Gallery and Community Gallery host changing exhibitions. The institution also sponsors forums, author talks and other programs.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum is a project of the GLBT Historical Society, a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

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### May 16: Exhibition Opening



Daddy Alan Selby, aka Mr. S, and his boy, Johnie Garcia, at the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights (1993); photographer unidentified; collection of the GLBT Historical Society.

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