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## Finding aid of the Eric Scott Evans and Jerome Maxwell Strum Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Eric Scott Evans and Jerome Maxwell Strum papers

**Dates:** circa 1957-1999.

**Bulk Dates:** 1984-1990.

**Collection number:** Coll2008-061

**Creator:** Evans, Eric Scott, 1962-

**Creator:** Strum, Jerome Maxwell, 1957-1998

**Collection Size:** 3 archive cartons, 3 archive half-carton, 3 oversize boxes, 2 shoe boxes, and 1 map case drawer. 8.9 linear feet.

**Repository:** ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

**Abstract:** Photographs, personal papers, t-shirts, and other materials of Eric Scott Evans (pseudonym for Eric Scott Myrick) and Jerome Maxwell Strum, Jr., also known as Maxwell Jerome. The collection documents their life together from 1983 to 1998, as they moved from San Francisco to New York City, Indianapolis, and Pipe Creek, Texas.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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#### **Processing Information**

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#### **Biography**

Eric Scott Myrick was born in 1962, apparently in Indiana. Nothing is known of his early life except that he adopted the name Eric Scott Evans, and was probably living in San Francisco when he appeared as "Tige McMasters" in two gay erotic films by Nova Studios in 1982 and 1983. In the early 1980s, probably in San Francisco, he met Jerome Maxwell Strum, Jr., who was born on December 28, 1957, in Chateauroux, France, and graduated from John Jay High School, in San Antonio, Texas. Evans and Strum lived together in San Francisco from circa 1983, and in March 1984 were joined in Holy Union in the Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church by the Rev. James Sandmire. They later moved to New York City where Evans worked for the Gay Cable Network (GCN), first as a production assist and moving up to the position of photographer and assistant to the producer. Evans also worked as a gemologist designing and creating jewelry. Strum served as a regional cosmetologist for Christian Dior. Together they toured the United States and Europe. In 1990, they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they worked for GCN and served on the Pride Events Committee of Celebration on the Circle. In 1993, they relocated to Pipe Creek, Texas, in the hill country northwest of San Antonio. Strum died in their home on October 11, 1998. Nothing is known of Evans' life after 1999. The Central Indiana Community Foundation administers an Eric Scott Evans - Jerome Maxwell Strum, Jr., Memorial Fund.

#### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection consists of the photographs, personal papers, t-shirts, and other materials of Eric Scott Evans (pseudonym for Eric Scott Myrick) and Jerome Maxwell Strum, Jr., also known as Maxwell Jerome. The collection primarily documents their private life together from circa 1983 to 1998, as they moved from San Francisco to New York City, Indianapolis, and finally to the San Antonio area. The collection also contains some records of their professional careers in the correspondence, business cards, Gay Cable News, and Christian Dior press kits folders. A few photographs and some correspondence pre- and postdate their lives together.

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Evans, Eric Scott, 1962-

Gay Cable Network

Jerome, Maxwell (pseudonym for Jerome Maxwell Strum, 1957-1998

Myrick, Eric Scott (pseudonym Eric Scott Evans)

Strum, Jerome Maxwell, 1957-1998

T-shirts

Series 1: **Photographs and Papers circa 1975-1997**

**Physical Description:** 3 archive cartons, 3 archive half cartons, and 1 map case drawer.

**Series Scope and Content**

The series contains approximately equal quantities of photographs and papers documenting Evans' and Strum's life together. The correspondence file consists of a variety of documents expressing their commitment to each other, invitations and programs from events they attended, along with photographs and correspondence from friends. The collection of business cards provides evidence of their professional lives, as well as their contacts in San Francisco, New York, Indianapolis, and San Antonio. Two albums contain nude photographs of Evans and Strum, respectively, taken by Dan Carrol at Lands End and in his San Francisco studio. A third album contains photographs of their travels in Europe and the United States. An extensive collection of passes and several posters for the Palladium and the Tunnel, New York nightclubs, documents New York nightlife between 1985 and 1990. The Gay Cable News (GCN) folder includes ephemera, a letter of recommendation from Louis P. Maletta, and several press passes, including those for 1992 Republican Convention and the 1993 March on Washington.

- Box 1 : 1           **Address books circa 1978-circa 1990**  
 Box 2 : 4           **AIDS/ACT UP materials circa 1983-circa 1990**  
 Mapcase : Drawer **AIDS paper arm band circa 1983**  
 14 : 1  
 Box 1 : 2-6       **Business cards, ticket stubs, and contact information circa 1982-circa 1996**

**Physical Description:** 5 folders.

- Box 3 : 3           **Celebration on the Circle, Indianapolis 1990-1991**  
 Mapcase : Drawer **Christian Dior press kits 1988**  
 14 : 1  
 Box 2 : 1-2       **Correspondence 1981-1998**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders.

- Mapcase : Drawer **Correspondence 1989**  
 14 : 1  
 Box 4 : 4           **Correspondence with photographs 1990-1999**  
 Mapcase : Drawer **Gauntlet and RoB Amsterdam piercing and leather accessories catalogs 1988-1992**  
 14 : 1  
 Box 3 : 2           **Gay Cable News materials 1986-1993**  
 Box 3 : 1           **Matchbook covers circa 1986**  
 Mapcase : Drawer **New York City Pride posters 1990**  
 14 : 1  
 Mapcase : Drawer **Newspaper clippings 1990-1998**  
 14 : 1  
 Box 2 : 5-7       **Nightclub passes 1985-1990**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders.

- Mapcase 14 : 1   **Palladium nightclub posters 1986**  
 Box 4 : 1-3 , 5-7 ; 5 : **Photographs circa 1975-1997**  
 1-2 ; 6 : 1 ; 7 : 1-10  
 Box 4 : 7           **Celebration on the Circle, Indianapolis 1990-1991**  
 Box 4 : 6           **Holy Union March 1984**  
 Box 4 : 3           **Lands End, San Francisco, and Strum's birthday party 1981**  
 Box 4 : 1           **Miscellaneous circa 1975-1997**  
 Box 5 : 1-2       **Nude photograph albums 1983-1984**

**Physical Description:** 2 albums ; 1 for Evans, 1 for Strum.

Box 7 : 1-10            **Posed nude photographs 1983-1984**

**Physical Description:** 10 envelopes.

Box 6 : 1                **Photograph album circa 1984**

Box 4 : 2                **Photographs and ephemera circa 1978-1985**

Box 4 : 5                **San Francisco apartment 1984**

Box 3 : 4                **Postcards, miscellaneous blank circa 1990**

Mapcase : Drawer    **Posters, miscellaneous 1986**

14 : 1

Series 2 : T-shirts and Artifacts circa 1971-1996

**Physical Description:** 3 oversize boxes, 1 shoe box, and 3 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

The collection of 36 t-shirts mirrors Evans' and Strum's lives together and the events they attended from San Francisco to New York, Indianapolis, and the San Antonio area. The series also contains a small collection of miscellaneous artifacts of the period, including a thin lavender tie, rainbow suspenders, and pride necklaces, along with leather fetish items such as leg bands and a cat o' nine tails. Personal items collected or given to Evans and Strum include an artist's book, *The Symbol of the Heart*, with text from a lecture by Rudolph Arnheim and printed by Cooper Union Art School, and a deck of playing cards.

Box 9                    **San Francisco circa 1979-circa 1984**

**Physical Description:** 4 t-shirts.

Box 9                    **Hot Flash of America circa 1979**

**Scope and Content Note**

San Francisco gift shop and hair salon "Hot Flash of America", image of an arm with hand holding a lightening bolt, red text and image on a medium white A-shirt.

Box 9                    **Lion Pub circa 1984**

**Scope and Content Note**

"animals love maneaters: the Lion Pub: where midnite thinking begins daily at 5 pm, sacramento & divisadero - san francisco" and an image of a lion and a man, brown text and image on a small white shirt.

Box 9                    **San Francisco GAY Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps circa 1984**

**Scope and Content Note**

"San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps" red text on a medium white shirt (with a rhinestone in the "r" of "twirling").

Box 9                    **Club Body Center circa 1984**

**Scope and Content Note**

"CBC, Club San Francisco 330 Ritch Street", black text and logo on a small light blue shirt.

Box 9                    **New York City circa 1985-circa 1989**

**Physical Description:** 11 t-shirts.

Box 9                    **Mineshaft circa 1985**

**Scope and Content Note**

"MINESHAFT" white on a small black shirt.

Box 9

**Gay Cable Network 1988**

**Physical Description:** 4 t-shirts.

**Scope and Content Note**

- "Gay Cable Network" and logo on front and repeating logo on back "Gay Cable Network, Conventions 88, Gay Vote, We're here for you, [signed] Snake 1987", silk screened blue, yellow, pink pattern with white stars and black text, (1) small and (1) large shirt.
- "Gay Cable Network" on front and large GCN logo [video camera over an outline of the United States] white text on (2) small purple shirts [neck and sleeves torn out].

Box 9

**Hi-NRG Dance Music Awards 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

"First Annual Hi-NRG [high energy] Dance Music Awards, Saturday, July 15, 1989 at The Monster, NYC" on front, and advertisements on back, orange and black text on large white shirt [neck and sleeves torn out].

Box 9

**Shag: The Movie 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Shag: The Movie", on the front and "Shag to the Music", on the back, blue text and images on an x-large orange shirt.

Box 9

**Eagle circa 1989**

**Physical Description:** 2 t-shirts.

**Scope and Content Note**

- "Mr. Leather - New York Contest, [graphic signed] Spider Webb" and image of an eagle, white text and image on a small black shirt.
- "D.C., Boston, N.Y.C." with an image of an eagle, white text and image on a small black shirt.

Box 9

**Village Bowling League circa 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Village Bowling League, NYC" white text on a medium black shirt.

Box 9

**New York City skyline circa 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

Head of State of Liberty overlooking New York City skyline, black and green images on medium white shirt.

Box 9

**Indianapolis 1987-1991**

**Physical Description:** 6 t-shirts.

Box 9

**Pride Bag Ladies 1987**

**Scope and Content Note**

"The Last\* Lap Presented by 'The Bag Ladies' Memorial Day Weekend Sunday May 24th 1987" on back "The 3rd Lap... Presented by 'The Bag Ladies' Memorial Day Weekend Sunday May 25 1986" black text on a large pink shirt.

Box 10

**Celebration on the Circle 1990-1991**

**Physical Description:** 5 t-shirts.

**Scope and Content Note**

- "Celebration on the Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, sponsored by Justice, Saturday June 30, 1990", pink and purple text and image on a small white shirt.
- "Indianapolis, Indiana, Pride Celebration on the Circle, 30 June 1990" purple text and pink background on a small white shirt.
- "Celebration on the Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, sponsored by Justice, Saturday June 30, 1990", pink and purple text and image on a small white shirt.
- "Pride Celebration 1991, Saturday, June 29th, Come Out, Come Out, Be Proud, Indianapolis, IN, designed by Perry Riley" on front and "Staff" on back in black, lavender, pink, and teal on a small and a medium white shirt.
- "Justice, Inc., presents Come Out, Come Out, Be Proud, designed by Perry Riley" on front and signed "Max, with Pride, Perry 5/100" on back on a small white shirt.

Box 10

**Washington, D.C. 1989-1993**

**Physical Description:** 3 t-shirts.

Box 10

**Names Project 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Keep the Love Alive, The Names Project, October 6-8, 1989, AIDS Memorial Quilt, Washington, DC", yellow, purple, and red image and text on a small and a medium white shirt.

Box 10

**1993 March on Washington 1993**

**Physical Description:** 2 t-shirts.

**Scope and Content Note**

- "The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, April 25", logo and text in pink, teal, tan, and black on a medium gray shirt.
- "The Lesbian & Gay March on Washington, D.C. Sunday April 25, 1993, I was there!" on front and "I Support Lesbian & Gay Pride in America!" on pink triangles with black text on a large white shirt.

Box 10

**San Antonio 1990-1993**

**Physical Description:** 4 t-shirts.

Box 10

**David Bowie, Sound + Vision tour 1990**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Sound + Vision Tour 1990 David Bowie" on front and "Sound + Vision" with an image of Bowie on front and back, black, blue and teal text and images on medium white shirt.

Box 10

**Hearts in Victory 1992**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Hearts in Victory, Lone Star State HIV/AIDS Telethon, 1st Annual, San Antonio, December 13th 1992" red, blue, and black images and text on a white shirt.

Box 10

**Artists in Direct Service 1993**

**Scope and Content Note**

"Hearts in Victory, Lone Star State HIV/AIDS Telethon, 1st Annual, San Antonio, December 13th 1992" red, blue, and black images and text on a white shirt.

Box 10	<b>South San Antonio High School circa 1990</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "South San Antonio Track" blue text and image of bobcat on a small gray shirt.
Box 10	<b>Miscellaneous T-Shirts circa 1985-circa 1995</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 8 t-shirts.
Box 10	<b>ACT UP circa 1990</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "Ignorance = Fear, Silence = Death", Keith Haring graphic, black text and color image on medium white shirt.
Box 10	<b>Broadmoor Resort, Colorado Springs circa 1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "The Broadmoor", blue text with a pink and blue triangle on a small black shirt.
Box 10	<b>Curl Up &amp; Dye circa 1985</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 t-shirts. <b>Scope and Content Note</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Curl up &amp; Dye, 732-8857", black text on a white small muscle shirt.</li><li>• Nancy cartoon, black text and image on a large white shirt.</li></ul>
Box 10	<b>Estee Lauder circa 1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "Simply the Best: Estee Lauder", blue, red, and black text on white x-large shirt.
Box 10	<b>Safe Sex circa 1987</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "Safe Sex is not boring... I'll testify to that (unknown signature Gabel)", image of a woman holding a latex condoms box, black text and image on white x-large shirt.
Box 10	<b>Santisima Muerte circa 1985</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "Santisima Muerte", black text and image on a large white shirt.
Box 10	<b>National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association 1992</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> "We're here, We're queer, We're on deadline", on front and "National Lesbian and Gay Jouranlists Association," on back, red and black on a medium white shirt.
Box 3 : 5	<b>Artifacts circa 1973-circa 1996</b> <b><i>The Symbol of the Heart</i> circa 1957</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Artist's book.

Box 3 : 6                    **Playing cards with erotic images circa 1971**

Box 11 : 1                 **White cotton pants 1983-1984**

**Scope and Content Note**

Worn in nude photographs (box 7 : 1-10).

Box 8 : 1                    **Thin lavender tie with silk screened pink triangle circa 1985**

Box 8 : 2                    **Cat o' nine tails whip with brass handle circa 1985**

Box 8 : 3                    **Rainbow suspenders circa 1985**

Box 8 : 4                    **Black thong with rectangular decorative metal studs circa 1985**

Box 8 : 5-6                 **Leather studded and chain leg bands circa 1985**

**Physical Description:** 2 leg bands.

Item 11 : 2                 **Costume, purple hooded vest and pants circa 1990**

Box 1 : 7                    **Rubber stamps circa 1990**

Box 3 : 7                    **Pride necklaces and miscellaneous souvenirs circa 1993-circa 1996**