

# Guide to the Matthew Charles Rosenblum Papers

MS 1883



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## Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1883

**CREATOR:** Rosenblum, Matthew Charles.

**TITLE:** Matthew Charles Rosenblum papers

**DATES:** 2000-2006

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear foot

**LANGUAGE(S):** The materials are in English.

**SUMMARY:** The digital images consist of Cherry Grove celebrities and royalty at various functions, including teas, beauty contests, and the annual Invasion of the Pines. The images are crafted using the digital equivalents of photography, stage makeup, and cosmetic surgery.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Gift of Matthew Charles Rosenblum, 2006.

### Information about Access

The collection is open for research.

## Ownership & Copyright

Donor retains copyright until January 1, 2060, after which time it is transferred to Yale University.

## Cite As

Matthew Charles Rosenblum Papers (MS 1883). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical History

Matthew Charles Rosenblum was born on June 7, 1947, in New Jersey. His interest in photography began when he was eight years old, and by age 16 he amassed an extensive collection of United States national parks images. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1970, and then earned an advanced degree in psychology from the New School for Social Research. Between 1974 and 1977, he took month-long photographic explorations in the Andes and Amazonas and Southeast Asia. In 1978, he met John Piazza, and for the next twenty-two years they traveled extensively in the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia where Rosenblum captured expressions of culture and lifestyle in his portraits of the locals. Beginning in 2000, they became seasonal residents of Cherry Grove on Fire Island, New York, where they started to go by the name of The Hoffas. The name originated from Rosenblum's adoption of Gimmi Hoffa as his nom-de-caméra and the local lore that Jimmy Hoffa, the Teamster leader, was in a federal witness protection program and living in Cherry Grove. Rosenblum's photographs are exhibited in homes and business establishments in Cherry Grove. In 2005 he joined the Board of the Arts Project of Cherry Grove.

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## Arrangement

Chronologically by year and alphabetically by title within each year.

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory

Box	Folder	Description
		Inventory
1	1	2000, Philomena, Cherry Grove Ball
		2001
1	2	Fluffy, Fluffy's Tea
1	3	The Widow Norton & Billie Ann Miller, Invasion
		2002
1	4	Ariel Sinclair, Miss Fire Island Contest
1	5	Bella, Miss Fire Island Contest
		2003
1	6	Anita Greenkard, Invasion
1	7	Gefil Tefish, Miss Fire Island Contest
1	8	Josie, Invasion
1	9	Robyn Kradles, Miss Fire Island Contest
1	10	The Shapiros, Invasion
1	11	Vanessa Vale, Miss Fire Island Contest
		2004
1	12	Charity, Invasion
1	13	China, Invasion
1	14	Good & Plenty, Invasion
1	15	Hooters, Invasion
1	16	Luisa Verde, Invasion
1	17	Rose, P.A.W.S. Benefit
1	18	Urban Sprawl, Casino
1	19	Wynn & Peter, 57th Anniversary (Partners)
		2005
1	20	Anne Tique, Invasion
1	21	Boon, Invasion
1	22	Peter B., Invasion
1	23	Mandi, Dr.'s House Fundraiser Show
1	24	Sybil Bruncheon, Invasion
1	25	Violet Silver, Invasion

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
		2006
1	26	Bill & Antoinette, Invasion
1	27	Cobra, Invasion
1	28	Coco Love & Lola, Dr.'s House Fundraiser
1	29	Dakota Sue, Invasion
1	30	Don, Invasion
1	31	Donna Pirhana, Leather Tea
1	32	Ginger More, Dr.'s House Fundraiser
1	33	The Go Go Girls, Invasion
1	34	Jacqueline Jonée, Invasion
1	35	Ivanna Cocktail, Dr.'s House Fundraiser
1	36	Orangina, Invasion
1	37	Panzi, Invasion
1	38	Samantha X (as Mother Nature), Invasion
1	39	Viva Sex & Nikki Star, Invasion
1	40	Wyonna, Invasion