Finding Aid to the Sunny Bak Photography Collection Coll2013.037

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Title: Sunny Bak photography collection

Identifier/Call Number: Coll2013.037

Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 4.1 linear feet. 1 archives carton + 1 archives flat box + 4 posters.

Date (inclusive): 1993-2002

Abstract: The collection includes Bak's medium format color transparencies/unmounted slides of Ashley Herrin and Catherine Angiel and alternative layouts for the June 21, 1993, *Newsweek* cover story, "Lesbians Come Out Strong." The collection also contains Bak's images of lesbian women and couples on 10% Productions and G Gallery greeting cards, postcards and posters. Bak photographed hundreds of entertainers including members of 10,000 Maniacs, Madonna, and Philippe Saisse. She may be most well-known for her work on the Beastie Boys album, *Licensed to Ill*.

creator: Bak, Sunny

Biography

Sunny Bak was born in Manhattan. She was a photographer for her junior high school newspaper in Queens, New York. She shot the cast of Broadway shows for the paper. She went on to study at The School Visual Arts Nikon House and at The New School for Social Research under Philippe Halsman.

In 1976, while still in high school she opened her first studio in Manhattan. During this time Bak photographed hundreds of entertainers including members of 10,000 Maniacs, Madonna, and Philippe Saisse. She may be most well-known from this period for her work on the Beastie Boys album, *Licensed to Ill*.


Bak's works have appeared in *British Elle*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Details*, *Hampton's Newspaper magazine*, *Time Magazine*, *Woman's World* and one of the bestselling issues of *Newsweek*. Her portrait photography includes images of Carol Alt, Danzig, Seth Green, Gregory Peck, Jason Priestly, Keanu Reeves, Slayer and the Village People.

Scope and Content

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

Conditions Governing Use

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Acquisition

Gift of Sunny Bak, October 1, 2012.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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Separated materials

Removed to the ONE greeting card collection:

- 10% Productions - 11404-200, 12216-200, 13601-200, 13209-200, 13206-200, 13306-200, 14103-200, 14204-200, 15402-200, 17106-200, 17210-200, 17211-200, 17406-200, 17502-200, 17305-200, 17701-200, 18403-200, x205-200, x206-200, 29885-225, 27104035
- Gallery Collection - 53196-200
- Simply Love by 10% Productions - 33231
- Visions by 10% Productions - 25660-200
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Lesbians--California--Los Angeles
Mass media and gays--United States
Photographs

Sunny Bak collection

Box 1  
10% Productions greeting cards 1993-2002
Physical Description: [34 items]

Box 1  
10% Productions postcards cards 1995-1997
Physical Description: [3 items]

Map-case 8, Drawer 5  
10% Productions posters 1998-2001
General Physical Description note: 4 posters

Box 1  
Gallery greeting cards 1998-1999
Physical Description: [5 greeting cards]

Box 1  
Gallery greeting card catalogs circa 1999
Physical Description: [3 items]

Box 2  
Newsweek alternative front cover layouts 1993
General Physical Description note: 3 covers

Box 1  
Newsweek alternative images 1993
Physical Description: [22 pages of color transparencies]
General Physical Description note: 216 color images