
Robert Giard Photographs Collection, 1977-2003

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Title: Robert Giard Photographs Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1977-2003

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Collection Identifier: GLC 37

Creator: Giard, Robert, 1939-2002

Physical Description: 8 oversized boxes(91 gelatin silver prints (16" x 20"), matted (20" x 24"), titled, numbered, dated, some signed)

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Physical Location: The collection is stored onsite.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.

Access

The collection is open available for viewing during Photo Desk hours: Tuesday: 1-5; Thursday: 1-5; Saturday: 10-12, 1-5.

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Provenance

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Related materials

Researchers are encouraged to see also the Robert Giard Papers, Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (Uncat MSS 765).

Biographical note

Robert Giard (1939-2002) was a photographer based in Amagansett, N.Y. He began photographing gay and lesbian literary figures in 1985. The archives of his project includes over 500 images, some of which have been exhibited at the San Francisco and New York Public Libraries and many other venues. For further information on Robert Giard, please see the website of The Robert Giard Foundation at www.robertgiardfoundation.org.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains portraits of 91 gay men and lesbians who are literary figures, community activists, and performing artists. Some portraits were chosen on the basis of the subjects' connection to the San Francisco Bay Area. Several of these images are reproduced in *Particular Voices: Portraits of Gay and Lesbian Writers* (MIT Press, ©1997). All photographs were printed by Robert Giard with the exception of Sherry Thomas and the self-portrait which were printed by the estate in 2003.

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Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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