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Guide to the

**New York Native records**

1981-1988

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## **Summary**

**Creator:** New York Native

**Title:** New York Native records, 1981-1988

**Size:** 3.56 linear feet (7 boxes)

**Source:** International Gay Information Center, 1988

**Abstract:** The New York Native was a bi-weekly newspaper for gays published in New York City beginning in 1980 by That New Magazine, Inc. The records, 1981-1988, include editorial correspondence, make-up sheets, and ephemera issued by gay and other organizations. Included are copies of correspondence from the public to the "Carbon Copies" department commenting on issues affecting the gay community.

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## **Creator history**

The New York Native (NYN) was a bi-weekly newspaper directed towards gay men and lesbians which began publication in New York City in December of 1980. Through the years it became recognized as one of the most influential gay publications in America, widely respected for the quality of its news and cultural reporting. In 1984 it claimed a readership of 80,000. Its editors have included Brett Averill and Patrick Merla. The magazine was published by That New Magazine, Inc. which also published Christopher Street magazine. The Native folded in 1997.

## **Scope and content note**

The records (1981-1988) are arranged into three series: Series 1. Correspondence; Series 2. Make-up Sheets; and Series 3. Printed Ephemera. In order to protect the privacy of individual persons some records have been restricted.

The Correspondence (Series 1) consists of miscellaneous correspondence of the editors; and correspondence addressed to the editor of the "Carbon Copies" department of NYN from the public. The miscellaneous correspondence concerns routine editorial matters. Included is correspondence of Barry Adkins, Dorothy Allison, Bruce Averill, Patrick Merla and others. Included in the correspondence are a

few authors' scripts. The "Carbon Copies" correspondence consists of copies of letters sent to the editors of the audio-visual and printed media commenting on issues and events affecting the gay community and its social and civil rights. Some of the letters are accompanied by a letter of transmittal to the editors of NYN. The correspondence was apparently not published by NYN. The Make-up Sheets (Series 2) which are for Issues #6-84 of NYN consist of cover lines, head lines, manuscript control sheets, and page design sheets. The Printed Ephemera (Series 3) consists of press releases, newsletters and flyers issued by gay and other organizations which were sent to the editors for their consideration for news stories.

## **Arrangement**

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- I. Correspondence
- II. Make-up Sheets
- III. Printed Ephemera

## **Key terms**

### **Subjects**

Gay liberation movement -- New York (State) --  
New York  
Gay newspapers  
Gays  
Newspaper publishing -- New York (State) -- New  
York

### **Titles**

New York Native

### **Names**

New York Native

### **Special formats**

Ephemera

## **Container list**

### **I. Correspondence**

- b.59 f.1-2      Miscellaneous, 1981-1988 and undated
- b.59 f.3-7      "Carbon Copies" Department, 1982
- b.60 f.1-6      "Carbon Copies" Department, 1983

### **II. Make-up Sheets**

- b.61 f.1-4      Issues #6-#63
- b.62 f.1-5      Issues #64-84

### **III. Printed Ephemera**

- b.63 f.1-11      1980-1983
- b.64 f.1-7      1984-1986
- b.65 f.1-3      1987-1988 and undated