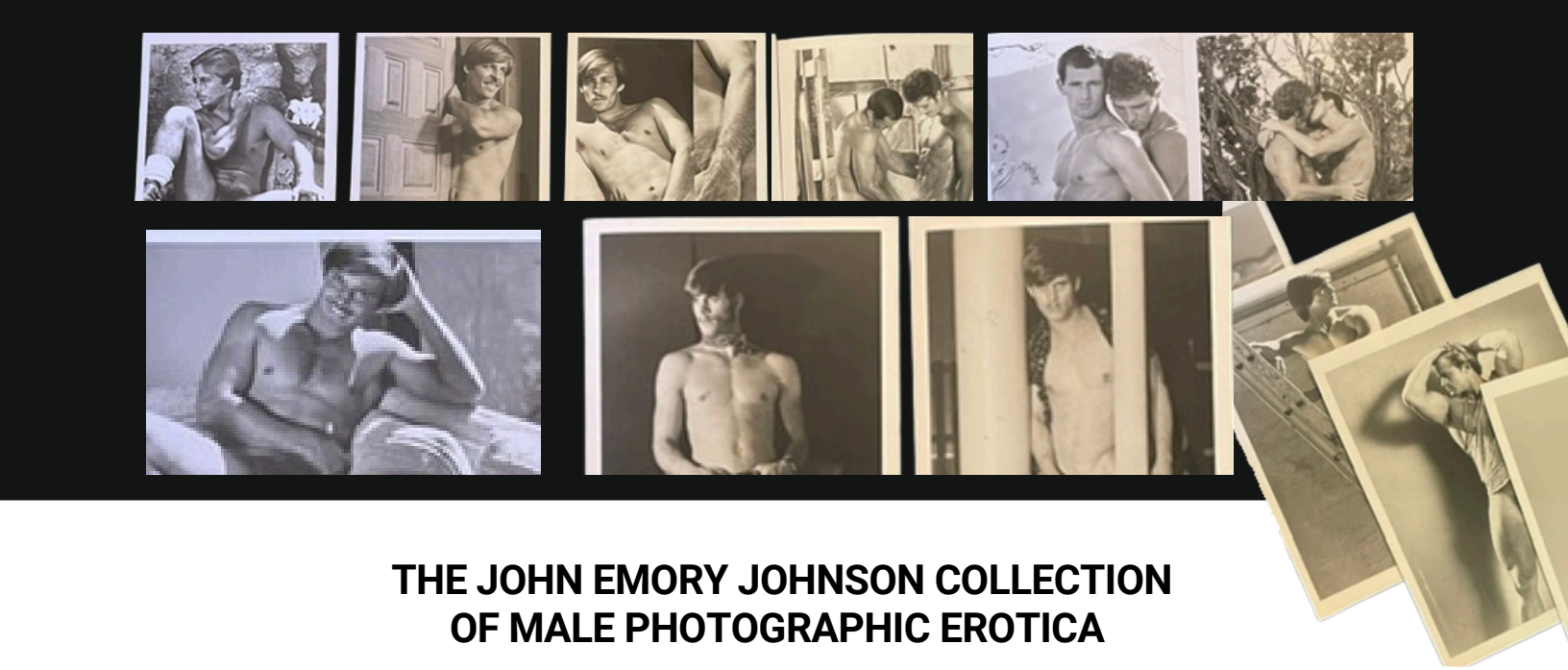

THE JOHN EMORY JOHNSON COLLECTION OF MALE PHOTOGRAPHIC EROTICA

From well before the early 1980s, when John Johnson (1932 - 2021), married with children, came out, until his death, he assembled a massive, comprehensive collection of gay photographic erotica. The Collection, epitomizes how male nude iconography evolved from the “physique” magazines of the 1950s/60s, through the 1970s/80s into a mainstream cultural aesthetic.

John grew up in Ellenville, NY, where he graduated valedictorian from the local high school, then with honors from Cornell University in 1954. With his college ROTC scholarship, he served in the US Army with the rank of First Lieutenant. After his service, he returned home to head the family business, married and raised three children. After his divorce, in 1981 he met his husband Marshall Berland. They were together for forty years. They were one of the earliest sex couples when they were wed in Great Barrington, Massachusetts in 2003. .

The depth and thoroughness of the focus of the Johnson Collection - the male nude form - reflects not only John’s enthusiastic passion for the subject but also delight in his own sexuality, sublimated for the first half of his life. The Collection includes a range of formats presenting the male nude: books, original photographs, calendars, limited edition artwork, posters, magazines, videos, pamphlets, catalogs and ephemera.

- Over 650 Colt and Target original photographs from the 1970s
- A video library of more than 135 VCRs and nearly 200 DVDs
- A large collection of posters and original art by Douglas Simonson
- More than 3 dozen, high quality large scale calendars, including the first Tom of Finland calendar (1976)
- A collection of nude male celebrity photos
- More than 200 illustrated magazines from early Physique Pictorials through the early 2000s
- A vast book library of nearly 800 luxurious photography and art titles (mostly first or limited editions)
- A separate collection of more than 300 titles of fiction and non-fiction covering the entire range of gay culture from the sixties through recent history in addition to these offerings.

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