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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	David J. Marcou Photoprints
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1187
Date:	circa 1980-1981, 2002-2008
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (1 box, 21 items)
Creator:	Marcou, David Joseph, 1950-
Language:	English Collection is in English.
Summary:	Twenty-one digital photographic prints of miscellaneous subjects from photographs taken by David J. Marcou. These images are "born-digital" photographs, 2002-2008, except for the earliest, made on black-and-white negative film in 1980 or 1981.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

David Marcou hired Bob Mulock to print these photographs from the photographer's own digital files in January and July of 2009, specifically for the purpose of donating them to the Museum.

Processing Information

Processed by David Haberstick and Ryan Monahan; finding aid revised by Kimberly Bassett (intern), August 1, 2010; supervised by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist.

Preferred Citation

David J. Marcou Photoprints, circa 1980-1981, 2002-2008 Archives Center, National Museum of American History. Gift of the artist.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

David J. Marcou retains copyright. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

Biographical / Historical

Born in 1950 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, David J. Marcou earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history at the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus in 1973, a Master of Arts in American Studies from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1978, and a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1984. He also studied photography at the University of Missouri, the University of Iowa, the University of Wisconsin, and the Western Wisconsin Technical College.

Marcou is primarily a freelance writer and photographer. He has written many books, including *Calling America*, *Memoir for Matthew*, *My London Autumn*, and *Korea 2050*. He has also had his photographs published in *Smithsonian Magazine* and the *British Journal of Photography*. He has created a number of photographic essay books, including *Vital Washington* and the three-volume series *Spirit of America*. Marcou has also written many plays, including *Borderline*, *The Paper that Never Died*, and *Korean Lovesong*. He has worked in South Korea, editing for *Business Korea* and *Yonhap News Agency*, and published his experiences in the travel books *Memoir for Matthew* and *My Two Korean Sojourns*. In addition to his travel experiences, he has published a history of his hometown entitled *Spirit of La Crosse* and continues to publish opinion columns in the *La Crosse Tribune*. Along with his writing and photographic work, Marcou has taught college courses on writing and photography for the Western Wisconsin Technical College.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of twenty-one digital photographic prints from photographs taken by David J. Marcou. Marcou is a self-published freelance writer and photographer whose subject matter includes the 2008 presidential campaign, South Korea, and his hometown, La Crosse, Wisconsin. This collection contains photographs of the 2008 presidential campaign, residents of La Crosse, and a few candid photographs from the photographer's travels to other states. These images are all "born-digital" photographs, created between 2002 and 2008, except for the earliest, made on black-and-white negative film in 1980 or 1981. They have been printed on Hewlett Packard Premium Plus inkjet paper, with ¼" white margins around the photographs. The materials are arranged into two series.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Presidential Campaign, 2008

Series 2: People and Places, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, circa 1980-1981, 2002-2007

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Barbers

Political campaigns

Presidential campaigns

Types of Materials:

Digital images

Inkjet prints

Photographs -- Photoprints -- Inkjet -- 2000-2010

Names:

Clinton, Chelsea

McCain, John

Obama, Barack

Obama, Michelle

Geographic Names:

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Container Listing

Series 1: Presidential Campaign, 2008

Series consists of ten photographs documenting scenes during this event. The photographs include images of John McCain, Chelsea Clinton, Mike and Janet Huckabee, and the future President Barack Obama.

- Box 1, Item 1 Woman in black questions John McCain, town hall meeting, La Crosse, Wisconsin Center, 2008-02-15 - 2008-02-15
Color, 19.5 x 32.4 cm. (7-3/4 x 12-3/4")
- Box 1, Item 2 Media at Chelsea Clinton event, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, 2008-02-15 - 2008-02-15
[Four cameramen.] Color, 22.0 x 33.0 cm. (8-5/8" x 13").
- Box 1, Item 3 Chelsea Clinton as surrogate at rally for her mom, University of Wisconsin, 2008-02-12 - 2008-02-12
[Hillary Clinton posters in background.] Color, 25.4 x 23.0 cm. (10" x 9-1/16").
- Box 1, Item 4 Mike Huckabee's wife takes his photograph with fans, La Crosse, Wisconsin Center, 2008-02-14 - 2008-02-14
[Image\(s\)](#)
Color, 22.5 x 32.5 cm. (8-7/8" x 12-7/8").
- Box 1, Item 4 Mike Huckabee's wife takes his photograph with fans, La Crosse (Wisconsin) Center, 2008 February 14 [digital color photoprint]
1 Item (Ink on paper, unmounted.; 22.5 x 32.5 cm.)
[Image\(s\): Mike Huckabee's wife takes his photograph with fans, La Crosse \(Wisconsin\) Center, 2008 February 14 \[digital color photoprint\].](#)
Marcou, David Joseph, 1950-, Photographer
Marcou, David Joseph, 1950-, Donor

Local Numbers

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Exhibitions Note

Displayed in Archives Center exhibition, "Gift of the Artist: Photographers as Donors," November 11, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. David Haberstick, curator.

Names: Huckabee, Mike
Topic: Photographers
 Presidential campaigns
 Presidential candidates
Place: La Crosse (Wis.)
 Wisconsin

Genre/ Photographs -- 2000-2010 -- Photoprints -- Inkjet
Form:

- Box 1, Item 5 John McCain speaks to right in front of giant United States flag, La Crosse, Wisconsin Center, 2008-02-15 - 2008-02-15
Color, 18.0 x 32.5 cm. (7-1/8 x 12-3/4").
- Box 1, Item 6 Michelle Obama makes black power salute as surrogate at rally for her husband, University of Wisconsin, 2008-02-18 - 2008-02-18
Color, 24.8 x 23.0 cm. (9-7/8" x 9-1/8").
- Box 1, Item 7 Michelle Obama and fan, University of Wisconsin, 2008-02-18 - 2008-02-18
Black-and-white, 27.0 x 23.0 cm. (10-5/8" x 9-1/16").
- Box 1, Item 8 Barack Obama speaks, 2nd and Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2008-10-01 - 2008-10-01
[Image\(s\)](#)
Color, 23.0 x 23.0 cm. (9-1/16" x 9-1/16").
- Box 1 Barack Obama speaking while standing [at] a podium, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2008 October 1 [digital color photoprint]
1 Item (Ink on paper, unmounted.; 9-1/8" x 9-1/8".)
[Image\(s\): Barack Obama speaking while standing \[at\] a podium, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2008 October 1 \[digital color photoprint\].](#)
Marcou, David Joseph, 1950-, Photographer
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- Local Numbers
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- Names: Obama, Barack
Topic: Politics
Presidential campaigns
Presidential candidates
Place: La Crosse (Wis.)
Wisconsin
Genre/ Inkjet prints
Form: Photographs -- 2000-2010 -- Photoprints -- Inkjet
- Box 1, Item 9 Obama's Army with their Commander-in-Chief, 2nd and Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2008-10-01 - 2008-10-01
[Image\(s\)](#)
Color, 21.8 x 25.5 cm. (8-5/8" x 10-1/16").
- Box 1 Obama's Army with their Commander-in-Chief, 2nd and Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin [2008 October 1] [digital color photoprint]

1 Item (Ink on paper, unmounted.; 21.8 x 25.5 cm.)

[Image\(s\): Obama's Army with their Commander-in-Chief, 2nd and Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin \[2008 October 1\] \[digital color photoprint\].](#)

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Exhibitions Note

Displayed in Archives Center exhibition, "Gift of the Artist: Photographers as Donors," November 11, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. David Haberstick, curator.

Names: Obama, Barack

Topic: Presidential campaigns
Presidential candidates

Place: La Crosse (Wis.)
Wisconsin

Genre/
Form: Photographs -- 2000-2010 -- Photoprints -- Inkjet

Box 1, Item 10

John McCain greets the public, La Crosse, Wisconsin Center , 2008-10-10 - 2008-10-10

Black-and-white, 21.7 x 32.5 cm. (8-1/2" x 12-3/4").

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Series 2: People and Places, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, 2002 - 2007, circa 1980-1981

Series consists of eleven prints illustrating a variety of scenes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Missouri, mostly depicting relatives of the photographer and residents of locals of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

- Box 2, Item 11 Crystal and friend, La Crosse, Wisconsin, circa 2007. , circa 2007
[Young couple sitting on steps.] Color, 23.0 x 28.3 cm. (9-1/16" x 11 ¼").
- Box 2, Item 12 Hooters girls and Steve Kiedrowski, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2007-12 - 2007-12
[Five waitresses.] Color, 30.0 x 23.4 cm. (11-7/8" x 9¼").
- Box 2, Item 13 Happy couple, La Crosse, Wisconsin , circa 2006
[Young woman hugging young man and licking his face on city street]. Color,
31.0 x 23.3 cm. (12 ¼" x 9 ¼").
- Box 2, Item 14 Ken Garves cutting retired sheriff Bill Black's hair, La Crosse, Wisconsin, circa
2006
Color, 31.0 x 23.5 cm. (12 ¼" x 9 ¼").
- Box 2, Item 15 Violinists at UM-Columbia special lessons , circa 1980-1981
[Five children.] Black-and-white, 19.0 x 32.7 cm. (7- 5/8" x 12-7/8").
- Box 2, Item 16 Katie Temp blows out birthday candles as Melanie Roberts watches, Chuck E.
Cheese, La Crosse, Wisconsin, early 2006 or 2007
Color, 23.0 x 31.0 cm. (9-1/16" x 12 ¼"). NOTE: These names should not be
used in exhibit labels.
- Box 2, Item 17 Re-enactors, "American Queen" riverboat visit, Riverside Park, La Crosse,
Wisconsin , circa 2007
[Eight men and women standing in period costumes; the women hold parasols.]
Color, 22.0 x 32.6 cm. (8 ¾" x 12-7/8").
- Box 2, Item 18 Cheerleaders meet, Bucks-Bulls National Basketball Association exhibition
game, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2007-10 - 2007-10
[Image\(s\)](#)
[Six cheerleaders in costume.] Color, 25.5 x 23.3 cm. (10-1/16" x 9 ¼").
- Box 2, Item 19 Amish woman coming from bus, Winona, Minnesota, circa 2002
[Seen through window, as luggage is unloaded from bus.] Color, 20.9 x 32.8 cm.
(8 ¼" x 11-7/8").
- Box 2, Item 20 Amish male walking near Amish females, Rochester, Minnesota, circa 2002
[With luggage.] Color, 23.5 x 26.3 cm. (9 ¼" x 10-3/8").
- Box 2, Item 21 Corner at night, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2006-07-01 -
2006-07-01

[Convertible car in front of Stub & Herb's Restaurant and Bar]. Color, 20.2 x 32.4 cm. (8" x 12-7/8").

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