

TIE ONE ON

part 1



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shortly after creating a page on Facebook in fall of 2008 I posted an album called "Hollywood." the initial photo was taken at the former Monogram studios in 1983 where I gave a talk on the forthcoming fashion museum at Kent State University. I'm with film historian James Robert Parish.



Jim Provenzano commented on the photo: "wow; retro chic!" my response: "I think I still have that tie..." & that was the seed.

I picked 25 ties from my closet. following the 25th anniversary of my sobriety I took them to Palm Springs. outside my usual room at Inn Exile I was photographed with them by that painter of birds Luis Perez.

back in Santa Fe I mailed each tie to someone. I realize some of these ties are shopworn or no longer fashionable so the recipient may not want to add it to his wardrobe. however I requested that he wear the tie for a photograph & that by mailing the photo to me he granted permission for it to be used as part of this piece.

the 25 ties:

1. *Jean-Claude van Itallie's Peter Elliot tie*

I no longer recall why or when Jean-Claude gave me his tie. perhaps it was the time he stayd with me in Twin Lakes when he rec'd an honorary degree from Kent State University (aug 1977). I also no longer recall why Jean-Claude cut off the end of the tie. last worn to Thxgiving dinner in Rockaway Beach OR in 2008.

sent to William Allegrezza



2. *Berkley tie from Halle's*

worn while visiting Thomas McMenamin (aka Michael Thunder) in Charleston SC in 1982. last worn as a belt at Santa Fe Film Festival's 2008 Luminaria Awards.

sent to Tyler Alpern



3. *James Dean tie*

the only documentation I have for this tie is wearing it in 1990 on the Grave Line Tour of places where stars died in Hollywood. however I presume I bought it much earlier. for its final outing I tucked the Century Dimes into it & wore it to Zia Diner with my weekly men's dinner group (dec 2008).

sent to Soren Anders



4. *International Male tie*

this mail-order company had sensational catalogs featuring models such as John Gibson wearing everything from the Jock Sock to the Warhol Shirt. I suspect this tie dates from the late '70s. last worn to brunch at Buffalo Thunder Resort on xmas 2008.

sent to Jeffrey Beam



5. *Brown knit tie with yellow & blue diamonds*

memory of its origin is gone. last worn to hear Maureen McGovern at the Lensic (dec 2008).

sent to Tom Beckett



6. *Mickey Mouse tie by J. G. Hook*
gift of my mother (probably '80s). last worn for dinner at Bull Ring on New Year's Eve 2008.

sent to John Burroughs



7. *Anne Carole black & white tie*

worn to my retirement party in Special Collections (dec 1993). last worn to watch broadcast of Barack Obama's inauguration (jan 2009).

sent to Kenneth Carr



8. *Orange tie*

worn to P. Craig Russell's Halloween party (oct 1984). last worn to hear Larry Mitchell & friends at GiG (jan 2009).

sent to CA Conrad



"CAConrad outside the Malcolm McLaren Show at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (12/6/09), photo taken by Jaime Anne Earnest"

9. *Mystery tie*

of the 100-plus ties in my closet I recall less abt this one than any other. I have no idea where or when I got it & I have no photos of me wearing it. it lacks a label. I'm not even sure how to describe it. it's not really paisley. but some design featuring circular brown objects on a green background. last worn to dinner at Harry's with John Ericson & Robert Nott & their Karens (jan 2009).

sent to Jim Cory



10. *Beau Brummel wool tie*

in addition to the manufacturer's label there's also a store label (Mosher's Ashland OH). this is one of Mom's garage sale finds. I suspect it dates from the '40s. last worn to hear James Hunter & Susan Tedeschi at the Lensic (feb 2009).

sent to Ray Craig



11. *Pink tie*

I often wore this with a favorite gray shirt. in 1989 I wore it when I met Butterfly McQueen in West Virginia. a decade later I purchasd a webcam & made a trio of short videos calld "Borrowd Poses." one was "Pink Tie & Brush." unfortunately my archival copies are on a now obsolete floppy so I'm not certain if that pink tie is this pink tie. last worn to see "Love is a Many- Splendored Thing" on Valentines Day 2009.

sent to Bill Fogle

