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## Elysian Spring Collection

1969-2020  
1 box, 1 LP (0.20 linear feet)  
Call no.: MS 1119



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### Background

Formed by UMass Amherst students in the late 1960s, Elysian Spring proved to be a popular jazz band during their time on campus. The band's name and member lineup changed over time, but by the time they recorded their first-and-only-record in 1969, the band consisted of Rainer Bertrams, Jimmy Bridges, Lenny Ezbicki, Bruce Krasin, and Jerry Mirliani. The group was focused on improvisational, modal jazz compositions reflecting the beauty found in nature, with the band name itself referencing the Elysian Fields of Greek mythology. Elysian Spring played several venues on and off campus and were the highlight of the University Jazz Workshop concerts. The band released *Glass Flowers* in 1969, which features back cover notes written by Andy Haigh, Music Librarian at UMass at the time. After the album came out, and after graduations and moves, the band went their separate ways. However, their album became a cult favorite, being sought after by collectors and prompting a reissue of *Glass Flowers* that was released in 2018.

### Scope of collection

The Elysian Spring Collection includes the 2018 reissue of their 1969 album, *Glass Flowers*, color photographs, contact sheets, negatives, and a poster from a 1969 concert. There are also typed interviews with Bruce Krasin and Rainer Bertrams, and a DVD with a brief interview with Lenny Ezbicki and Bruce Krasin on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the release of their album.

### Inventory

Contact sheets and negatives

ca.1972  
Box 1: 1  
Glass Flowers  
1969, 2018  
12" LP  
R.07:G1  
Interview: Bertrams, Rainer  
ca.2018  
Box 1: 2  
Interview: Ezbicki, Lenny and Bruce Krasin  
ca.2019  
DVD  
Box 1: 3

With Jerry Mirliani, on the 50th anniversary of the release of Glass Flowers.

Interview: Krasin, Bruce  
2020 Aug  
Box 1: 4  
Mirliani, Jerry: Icons of New England  
2022  
Box 1: 8

Edited by Matthew Mirliani.

Photographs: Elysian Spring  
ca.1969  
Box 1: 5  
Photographs: Ezbicki, Lenny, Bruce Krasin, and Jerry Mirliani  
ca.2019  
Box 1: 6  
Poster: The Sound Light Mind Explosion Three  
1969  
Box 1: 7

## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Gift of Jerry Mirliani

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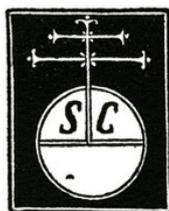
### Subjects

- Jazz musicians--Massachusetts--Amherst

### Contributors

### Genres and formats

- Contact sheets
- Interviews
- Long-playing records
- Negatives (photographs)
- Photographs



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