

MISTRESS ABSOLUTE ARCHIVE

(MAA)

©Bishopsgate Institute Catalogued by Stefan Dickers, January 2019 Name of Creator: Mistress Absolute (fl 2003-2019) dominatrix and promoter

Extent: 10 Boxes and oversize items

Administrative/Biographical History: Mistress Absolute (Max) Max Absolute is a lifestyle and professional Dominatrix with over 20 years of experience as a professional Dominatrix. She is well known and revered worldwide for her skills as Mistress Absolute the Dominatrix, performer, promoter, educator & Kink Ambassador. Having run one of the largest monthly fetish clubs in the UK 'Club Subversion' for 15 years she now concentrates on running one of the world's biggest fetish weekends: 'The London Fetish Weekend', which is now in its thirteenth year, and runs the Femdom focused 'Club Femdom', new play club 'Absolute Mischief' and runs 'Arch Nemesis' Dungeon. When an occasion arises she gets involved in various other UK and international events including helping to run a kinky travel company who organise parties and holidays for international travel 'Domme Trips' and occasionally performing at fetish events around the world. She has appeared in many TV programmes including documentaries for BBC 1 and 2, Channel 4, & Sky, has been featured in magazines & newspapers including Loaded, Skin Two, Time Out & the Evening Standard. She has spoken at The Wellcome Trust and even been a guest on Womens Hour. She has been immortalised in the book 'The History & Arts of The Dominatrix' as a featured contemporary iconic Dominatrix and has an extensive archive of her work in the Bishopsgate Institute. Kink education is also big part of her portfolio having had 12 years teaching groups and individual patrons at the high-end erotic boutique, Coco de Mer.

More recently her focus has been on bespoke private classes and tutorial sessions for couples or individuals wanting to know more about the fetish scene and BDSM. She is also the author of the instructional kink book 'Absolute Beginners Guide to Domination'. Mistress Max Absolute has been awarded several awards including a London Alternative Market 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in 2015 and the 2016 and 2017 Top Domme award: voted for by the London Fetish community plus she was awarded a place in BDSM hall of Fame in LA in 2017. Most recently, after the death of the dungeon furniture supplier Dave Playpenz in Dec 2019, she has been maintaining his legacy by supplying some of the kink scenes clubs' nights with refurbished and renovated 'Kinky Kit'. She finished her Masters in Gender, Sexuality and Culture in 2010 and started researching her PhD in Jan 2011 but unfortunately had to postpone finishing it after two years. Her PhD thesis was set to examine the history of Chastity and Cuckolding alongside the social and psychological aspect of the subject matter in today's society. The psychological aspect plays a very important role in her studies and teaching and there are plans to publish some of the vast research collected during the two years of study. As a kink ambassador she is dedicated to demystifying, and normalising practices that have historically be demonised and pathologised, simply because they are considered or categorised as nonnormative sexual responses.

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Mistress Absolute, January 2019.

Scope and Content: Archive of Mistress Absolute, including press cuttings, articles and adverts featuring Mistress Absolute and her work, 2003-2015; stickers, t-shirts, tote bags and mugs for Team Absolute, n.d.; programme, name badge and betting slip from Royal Ascot 2019, where Mistress Absolute was the first person to wear a latex dress in the Royal Enclosure (designed by Breathless Latex), 2019; official showquides for Erotica (for your imagination), held at Olympia and Manchester (at which Mistress Absolute featured or was involved), 2002-2012; official programmes for DomCon: the world's premier professional and lifestyle domination convention, Los Angeles (featuring Mistress Absolute as Guest of Honour), 2011-2017; official programmes for FetishCon, held in St.Petersburg, Florida (featuring Mistress Absolute as WhipIr Pervy Pool Hostess), 2017-2018; DVD, 'Mistress Absolute presents Beginner's Guide to BDSM' (45 mins), n.d.; book, 'The Absolute beginner's quide to domination' by Mistress Max Absolute, illustrations by Satine Phoenix, 2015; text, photographs and 'vegan' and 'no animal cruelty' signs from The Piglet Show, performed by Mistress Absolute, Empress Victoria and slutty at Torture Garden, and re-staged as 'The Piglet Show: the Vegan Edition' 12 years later, 2006-2018; awards presented to Mistress Absolute at DomCon, LA for Top Domme, Guest of Honour, contributions to the BDSM Community and the BDSM Hall of Fame, 2013-2017; thesis, 'Exploring the boundaries of deviant sexual behaviour in SM & D/s: The academic vs. lived experience', completed for the MA Gender, Sexuality & Culture at Birkbeck College, University of London, 2010.

System of Arrangement:

No further arrangement required.

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English

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Rules and Conventions:

Compiled in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description, ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; National Council on Archives Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names, 1997.

MAA/1	Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2003	2003
	Includes: - article, 'Miss Dom MeetsMistress Absolute' in Miss Dom, No.2 (2003) OPEN	
MAA/2	Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2004	
	Includes: - advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.52 (1p) (2004) - advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.55 (1p) (2004) - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.52 (1p) (2004) - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.53 (1p) (2004) - article, 'Don't Try This At Home!: Choking the Chicken' (Mistress Absolute demonstrates breath play) in Loaded (3pp) (2 copies) (October 2004) OPEN	
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MAA	Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2005	2005
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Interviews, 2006

Includes:

- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.65 (1p) (2006)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.58 (1p) (2006)
- article, 'Slave labour' (Mistress Absolute writes on domestic slavery) in Scarlet, No.23 (3pp) (September 2006)

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MAA/5 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2007

Includes:

- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.69 (1p) (2007)

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- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.70 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.71 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Forum Presents Fetish, Vol.1, No.6 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Forum, Vol.41, No.12 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.61 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.62 (1p) (2007)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.63 (1p) (2007)
- article, 'Travels to the Dark Side' (Mistress Absolute tries out three fetish holiday locations) in Scarlet, No.28 (3pp) (February 2007)
- article, 'Dominatrixes' (including feature on Mistress Absolute) in Bizarre, No.122 (2pp) (April 2007)
- article, 'Kinky Holidays' (Mistress Absolute at The Other World Kingdom: OWK) in Bizarre, No.126 (3pp) (August 2007)
- review of Clinic Weekend (featuring Mistress Absolute) from Clinic Magazine (1p) (September 2007)
- article, 'Mistress Absolute' (short interview) from Clinic Magazine (1p) (December 2007)

- article, 'Women dominate annual lifestyle fair' (article on Erotica 07 at Olympia) (print and print-out of internet version) from The Guardian (24 November 2007)

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MAA/6 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and 2008 Interviews, 2008

Includes:

- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.73 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.74 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.64 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.65 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.66 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.67 (1p) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute presents Beginners Guide to BDSM in Forum presents DVD, Vol.1, No.6 (1p) (2008)
- article 'Mistress Absolute' (interview with Mistress Absolute by Rhalou Allerhand) in Forum, Vol.42, No.3 (7pp) (2008)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Forum, Vol.42, No.12 (1p) (2008)
- article, 'Love hurts' (Mistress Absolute teaches BDSM) from Scarlet, No.42 (2pp) (April 2008)
- article, 'Bizarre Ball: Dom Corner' (featuring comment and photo of Mistress Absolute), No.142 (2pp) (November 2008)

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MAA/7 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and 2009 Interviews, 2009

- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.77 (1p) (2009)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in Tied 'n' Teased, No.79 (1p) (2009)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:

Domination Directory International, No.68 (1p) (2008)

- article, 'Brand Spanking Newbies' (article on fetish clubs featuring Mistress Absolute) from Bizarre, No.147 (6pp) (March 2009)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.1, No.1 (1p) (2009)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.1, No.3 (1p) (2009)
- advert for Mistress Absolute presents
 Beginners Guide to BDSM in Desire, No.72 (1p)
 (April/May 2009)
- article, 'Take 10 Erotica Enthusiasts' (featuring Mistress Absolute) from The Guardian Weekend (2pp) (23 May 2009)
- article, 'Tough love' (profile of Dominatrixes including Mistress Absolute) from Stella: The Sunday Telegraph (6pp) (13 December 2009) **OPEN**

2010

MAA/8 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2010

- article, 'Meet Mistress Absolute: ten quick questions...' in Tied 'n' Teased, No.82 (12pp) (2010)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.69 (1p) (2010)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.70 (1p) (2010)
- article, "Fuck Me' Shoes' (comment by Mistress Absolute) from Bizarre, No.159 (1p) (February 2010)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.2, No.2 (1p) (2010)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.2, No.3 (1p) (2010)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.2, No.4 (1p) (2010)
- column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.2, No.5 (1p) (2010)

	 column, 'Ask the Mistress' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Erotic Knave, Vol.2, No.6 (1p) (2010) OPEN 	
MAA/9	Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2011	
	Includes: - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.71 (1p) (2011) - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.72 (1p) (2011) - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.73 (1p) (2011) - column, 'Mistress Absolute Agony Aunt' (advice column by Mistress Absolute) from Desire presents BDSM, Vol.4, No.2 (1p) (2011) - article, 'Mecz mnie, Drecz mnie, Recznie' (article on Dominatrixes in Polish featuring Mistress Absolute) from Logo (6pp) (2011) - article, 'Londoners: who do we think we are' (article on Londoners featuring Mistress Absolute) (2pp) from the Evening Standard (2pp) (10 November 2011) - article, 'Madam will see you now' (article on Dominatrixes featuring Mistress Absolute) from The Independent on Sunday's New Review (5pp) (20 November 2011) OPEN	
MAA/10	Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2012	2012
	Includes: - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.74 (1p) (2012) - advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI: Domination Directory International, No.75 (1p) (2012)	

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Interviews, 2013

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- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.76 (1p) (2013)
- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.77 (1p) (2013)
- article, 'Mistress Absolute' from Von Gutenberg, No.8 (5pp) (2013)
- article, 'The secrets of our working lives' (featuring Mistress Absolute) (2pp) from The Week (6 April 2013)
- article, 'Four fucking kick-ass Londoners'
 (featuring Mistress Absolute) (2pp) from Time
 Out, No.2240 (2 copies) (13-19 August 2013)
 photocopy of mentions of Mistress Absolute in

the book 'The History and Arts of the Dominatrix' by Anne O. Nomis (including inscription to Mistress Absolute from the author (3pp) (2013)

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MAA/12 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and Interviews, 2014

Includes:

- advert for Mistress Absolute in DDI:
 Domination Directory International, No.78 (1p) (2014)
- article, 'Sun, sea, sand....and spanking!'
 (featuring Mistress Absolute) from Bizarre,
 No.219 (3pp) (October 2014)
 OPEN

MAA/13 Mistress Absolute: Articles, Adverts and 2015 Interviews, 2015

Includes:

- article, 'The New Porn' (featuring photo of Mistress Absolute at facesitting protest in Parliament Square) from Vogue (1p) (March 2015)
- article, 'Let's talk sex toys' (featuring Mistress Absolute) from Glamour (1p) (August 2015) **OPEN**

MAA/14 Erotica: official showguides 2002-2012

Includes:

- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2002, held at Olympia (71 pp) (22-24 November 2002)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2003, Manchester (38 pp) (21-23 March 2003)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2003, held at Olympia (71 pp) (14-16 November 2003)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2005, held at Olympia (71 pp) (17-20 November 2005)
- Erotica: the magazine (93 pp) (2005)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2006, held at Olympia (71 pp) (17-19 November 2006)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2007, held at Olympia (71 pp) (23-25 November 2007)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2009, held at Olympia (62 pp) (21-23 November 2009)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2010, held at Olympia (63 pp) (19-21 November 2010)
- official showguide for Erotica (for your imagination) 2012, held at Olympia (with note on London Fetish Club Zone, co-hosted by Mistress Absolute) (62 pp) (18-20 November 2012) **OPEN**

MAA/15 DomCon, Los Angeles

2011-2017

- official program for Mistress Cyan presents DomCon: the world's premier professional and lifestyle domination convention, Los Angeles (featuring Mistress Absolute as Guest of Honour) (20 pp) (18-22 May 2011)
- official program for DomCon: the world's premier professional and lifestyle domination convention, Los Angeles (featuring Mistress Absolute as Guest of Honour) (20 pp) (16-20 May 2012)
- official program for DomCon: the world's premier professional and lifestyle domination convention, Los Angeles (featuring Mistress Absolute as Guest of Honour) (50 pp) (8-12 May

2013)

- official program for DomCon: the world's premier professional and lifestyle domination convention, Los Angeles (featuring Mistress Absolute as Guest of Honour) (26 pp) (17-21 May 2017)
- metal badge, 'DomCon 10, 2004-2013, LA, Atlanta' (2013)

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MAA/16 FetishCon: annual trade show

2017-2018

Includes:

- official program for FetishCon, 2017, held in St.Petersburg, Florida (featuring Mistress Absolute as WhipIr Pervy Pool Hostess) (43 pp) (10-13 August 2017)
- official program for FetishCon, 2018, held in St.Petersburg, Florida (featuring Mistress Absolute as WhipIr Pervy Pool Hostess) (54 pp) (9-12 August 2018)

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MAA/17 Serious Mistresses

n.d.

Includes:

- Serious Mistresses, No.9 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.10 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.11 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.13 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.14 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.16 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.17 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.18 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.19 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)
- Serious Mistresses, No.20 (featuring advert for Mistress Absolute) (1p) (n.d.)

OPEN

MAA/18 Couples Cruise

Includes:

- promotional brochure for Couples Cruise (featuring section 'Couples Cruise Gets Kinky with Mistress Absolute and others) (28 pp) (16-23 April 2016)
- brochure, 'Special Kinky Guide: '50 Shades at Sea': the ultimate play guide for kinksters, thrill seekers and the curious!' (listing classes and workshops by Mistress Absolute and others) (4pp) (n.d.)

OPEN

MAA/19 Beginner's Guide to BDSM

2015

Includes:

- DVD, 'Mistress Absolute presents Beginner's Guide to BDSM' (45 mins) (n.d.)
- book, 'The Absolute beginner's guide to domination' by Mistress Max Absolute, illustrations by Satine Phoenix (78 pp) (2015)

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MAA/20 Promotional Cards

2019

Includes:

- flyer/postcards for Mistress Absolute (definition of 'absolute' on reverse) (2pp) (n.d.)
- flyer/postcard for Club Femdom and Domme Trips (2pp) (2019)

OPEN

MAA/21 The Piglet Show

2006-2018

Includes:

- text, photographs and 'vegan' and 'no animal cruelty' signs from The Piglet Show, performed by Mistress Absolute, Empress Victoria and slutty at Torture Garden, and re-staged as 'The Piglet Show: the Vegan Edition' 12 years later (2006-2018)

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MAA/22 Event Passes

2011-2018

- general pass for DomCon Weekend, made out to Guest of Honour Mistress Absolute (2017)
- general pass and pool pass for FetishCon 2018 (2 items) (2018)

OPEN MAA/23 Awards 2014-2017 Includes: - plaque presented to Mistress Absolute at DomCon LA 2013, Special Guest of Honor (2013)- plaque presented to Mistress Absolute at DomCon LA 2014, Master of Ceremonies (14-18 May 2014) - glass award from LAMie to Mistress Absolute for Top Domme (2016) - plaque presented to Mistress Absolute at DomCon LA 2017, Special Guest of Honor in recognition of their contributions to the BDSM Community (17-21 May 2017) - certificate of recognition and appreciation for Mistress Absolute from the BDSM Hall of Fame. presented by Mistress Cyan and Mistress Porcelain Midnight at DomCon LA 2017 (2017) - glass award from LAMie to club Subversion for Best Club (2017) - boxed and packaged M&M sweets, all labelled 'Mistress Absolute' (n.d.) OPEN **MAA/24** 2012-2013 **Preaching to the Perverted** Includes: - Blu-ray copy of 'Preaching to the Perverted'(2013) - 'film canister' presentation case for 'Preaching to the Perverted' (n.d.) **OPEN MAA/25 Photographs** n.d. Includes: - four black and white photographs of Mistress Absolute (including two during session) (n.d.) **OPEN MAA/26** Mugs and T-Shirts n.d.

- exhibitor pass for Erotica, Grand Hall, Olympia,

- VIP pass for the German Fetish Ball (17-19

- Presenter pass for DomCon Weekend, Los

London (18-20 November 2011)

May 2013)

Angeles (2014)

Includes:

- white china mug with MA: Mistress Absolute in detailed crest (n.d.)
- white china mug with 'Team Absolute' on one side and 'I Love Forced Chai' (n.d.)
- white china mug with 'Team Absolute' on one side and 'I Love Tie & Tea's' (n.d.)
- white t-shirt, Front: 'Mistress Absolute, Domme Trips, Global Goddess' with logo of boot and D, Reverse: Keep Calm and Worship Absolute' in red letters (n.d.)
- white t-shirt, Front: 'Domme Trips' with logo of boot and D (n.d.)

OPEN

MAA/27 Fetish by David Bramwell

2007

Includes:

- rubber covered book, 'Fetish' by David Bramwell (featuring contribution 'How to be a good Dom/Domme' by Mistress Absolute) (published by Dorling Kindersley) (144pp.) (2007)

OPEN

MAA/28

'Exploring the boundaries of deviant sexual behaviour in SM & D/s: The academic vs. lived experience'

2010

Includes:

- thesis, 'Exploring the boundaries of deviant sexual behaviour in SM & D/s: The academic vs. lived experience' by Hannah Platt, completed for the MA Gender, Sexuality & Culture at Birkbeck College, University of London (228pp) (24 September 2010)

OPEN

MAA/29 Team Absolute stickers

n.d.

Includes:

- sheet of 35 Team Absolute stickers, logo in green on black background (n.d.) **OPEN**

MAA/30 T-Shirts

Includes (both stored on clothes rail 2):

1. white t-shirt with black lettering 'Mistress

Absolute's Foot Slave' with Team Absolute logo (n.d.)

2. white t-shirt with Team Absolute logo (n.d.) **OPEN**

MAA/31 Tote Bag

n.d.

Includes (both stored on clothes rail 2):

- tote bag with black Team Absolute logo (n.d.)

OPEN

MAA/33 Royal Ascot, 2019

2019

Includes:

- programme, name badge and betting slip from Royal Ascot 2019, where Mistress Absolute was the first person to wear a latex dress in the Royal Enclosure (designed by Breathless Latex) (22 June 2019)

OPEN

MAA/34 Florida Fetish Weekend, 2019

2019

Includes:

- programme, flyer, wristband, condoms, badges and other ephemera from Florida Fetish Weekend, Fort Lauderdale (22-26 May 2019) **OPEN**