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An inventory of Craig Rosen and the Static Disruptors D.C. Groove at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

Repository:	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
Title:	Craig Rosen and the Static Disruptors D.C. Groove Collection
ID:	149
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Physical Description:	3.75 cubic feet; 3 boxes
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Abstract:	The Static Disruptors was a go-go band founded in the 1980s by Craig Rosen. The Craig Rosen and the Static Disruptors D.C. Groove Collection documents the band's career and place in the go-go and hardcore punk scenes in Washington D.C. in the 1980s. Included in the collection are vinyl LPs, cassette tapes, DVDs, and audiotapes. Also included are correspondence, photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia.

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Biographical / Historical

The Static Disruptors was a go-go band founded in the 1980s by Craig Rosen. Rosen grew up in Bethesda, Maryland and attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Prior to Static Disruptors, Rosen was involved in the hardcore music scene, playing with groups such as the Rollins Band. While at Lawrence University, Rosen formed the Static Disruptors in 1980. The band relocated to Washington, D.C. shortly after it was founded and settled on creating and playing go-go music. An all-white band until after its first hit song was released, Static Disruptors learned funk and go-go from the band Mass Extinction, a local D.C. band. In 1982, the group produced their hit "D.C. Groove." The band became the first go-go act to perform at the 9:30 Club and the first to play with a rock band at Sidwell Friends school. Rosen mixed hard rock and punk throughout his go-go sets. The group found that their music struggled to find an audience because it was too go-go for one set of fans and too hardcore for the other. The Static Disruptors dissolved after only recording one single. Rosen went on to produce and collaborate with the likes of Doug E. Fresh and the Prophecy Band. Rosen left D.C. to study film at Columbia University. The Static Disruptors reunited in 2003 for a brief concert during a reunion weekend at Lawrence University.

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Scope and Contents

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Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Go Go Newspaper Clippings, 1980-2014	Box 1	Folder 1
Go Go News Clippings, 1980-2014	Box 1	Folder 2
Static Disruptors, 1981-1983	Box 1	Folder 3
Photographs, undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Island Pictures Correspondence, 1986	Box 1	Folder 5
Good to Go/ Island Pictures Info, undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Funk Go Go Articles, 1984-1985	Box 1	Folder 7
Event Ads, undated	Box 1	Folder 8
Spin Article, undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Its Not For Me: A Guide for Teachers and the Community, undated	Box 1	Folder 10
DC Commission on the Arts Pamphlet, undated	Box 1	Folder 11
Daily Insider Memo, 1985	Box 1	Folder 12
Static Ds - Graduating from Play School, undated	Box 1	Folder 13
David Bromberg and Earle Kimel, undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Static Disruptors - 8 Piece Band and Show Ad, undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Static Disruptors at the Thirsty Whale, undated	Box 1	Folder 16
Drawing, undated	Box 1	Folder 17
Psyche Dely - Washington's Best Rock Club, 1981	Box 1	Folder 18
Static Disruptors Funk Wave Dub, undated	Box 1	Folder 19
East of the River Magazines, 2013	Box 1	Folder 20
"Young Musicians Dreams Die in SE Shooting", 1987	Box 1	Folder 21
Stickers, undated	Box 1	Folder 22
Vinyl LPs, undated	Box 2	Folder 1
Cassettes/DVDs/Audio Tapes, undated	Box 3	Folder 1

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