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THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA

INTERVIEW NOTES: 5869

Donor 5869 came to our interview in a black polo style shirt, black jacket, jeans, and casual shoes. He has beautiful long curly black hair worn in a topknot bun. He has strong, symmetrical features with strong straight brows over beautiful dark eyes framed by long dark lashes. He has a great voice soothing and melodious and a calm and engaging presence. Donor 5869 had a slight five o'clock shadow covering a strong, straight jawline.

Born in the South, donor 5869 lived w/ mom, dad and his younger brother who was just 3yrs younger than him. He and his brother were close growing up and remain close now. He played baseball, soccer, volleyball, and ran track as a child, and discovered a love for cross-country in high school. His dad was a big runner, and he has good memories of playing around with his brother and other kids at his dad's running events on the weekends. He and his brother also liked to scramble around in the backyard, play video games, and always seemed to be on a playground. Their family was passionate about film and watched a lot of movies. He remains close to his parents and feels he inherited his dad's love of the arts and his mom's organizational skills.

He loved science in school because he had great teachers and latched onto the idea that you could make the world better through science. In college, he considered environmental science and engineering but ultimately hated calculus. Around that time, he discovered his passion for art and photography. He found working with film in dark rooms to be, "magical." It was a revelation to him that you could, "Find a life you care about and do it." Donor 5869 discovered his passion in the art world and intends to spend the rest of his life pursuing his career in art.

He spoke fondly about his recent time living with his 93yo grandmother on the East Coast while obtaining his MFA. While he's not a huge cook right now, he took notes while watching her cook that he hopes to use one day. He recently moved to the West Coast as he appreciated his hometown's art scene but found it more focused on performing arts than visual arts. His new area's visual art scene is what drew him here. He works in art handling and is pursuing museum work while he continues to work on his own artistic pursuits. His photography work is mostly candid portraiture and short videos. He prefers to make an income tangentially to the art market for now, so that he can remain true to himself in his work rather than, "try to flatter anyone."

He transitioned from running to biking as an adult because his father has chronic knee issues that he didn't want to develop. Outside of his passion for photography, he likes taking walks, hiking, doing yoga, and reading. He appreciates Russian, French, and classic American literature but gravitates towards biographies and nonfiction. He likes biographies in particular because they are similar to portraits – you get a view of someone and what they're like. He also likes that biographies and nonfiction offer you an opportunity to, "be instructed," even when you're not in school.

In five years, he hopes to be represented by an art gallery and have his work purchased and displayed around the world. He's not currently drawn to having his own children. He met someone who had a big influence on him who described her artistic work as, "like my kids," and that resonated with him. He sees himself putting his energy into his career and, "making that [his] longevity." He'd also love to travel to Asia and visit Japan, India, China, and also Russia.

He calls himself an, "extroverted introvert," which he describes as enjoying talking and being in front of people, but also needing time to recharge by himself. At a party, he'll find the person standing by themselves in the corner and talk to them. Donor 5869 was an absolute delight to interview, charismatic and giving off a courtly manner that reminded us of Cary Grant. We are happy to have him in our program.

Interviewed by Kenya C. and Emily T. on 4/15/21



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DONOR PROFILE: 5869

The past and current personal and family medical history, physical examination, and laboratory test results determine that donor 5869 is eligible and approved for semen donation at THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA. This profile was prepared in May 2021

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Identity-Release® Program: **Yes**
- Month/year of birth: **March 1988**
- Education: **MFA Studio Arts**
- Current occupation: **Performer and Photographer**
- Ethnic origin: **English, French, Irish, Native American, Spanish**
- Religion born into: **Catholicism**
- Religion practicing: **Agnostic but deeply spiritual**

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Height: **6' 2.25"**
- Weight: **206**
- Hair color: **dark brown**
- Hair type: **wavy**
- Eye color: **dark brown**
- Complexion: **fair/creamy**
- Body type: **ectomorphic (slim)**
- Blood group/Rh: **O+**
- Baby photo available: **Yes**
- Other distinguishing features: **slight chin cleft, straight-edged nose, sprinkling of freckles**

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

KEY: **D** donor **Ch** child **F** father **M** mother **S** sister **B** brother
Co cousin **A** aunt **U** uncle **MGF** maternal grandfather **MGM** maternal grandmother
PGF paternal grandfather **PGM** paternal grandmother

Allergies: **D: Allergy to cats at 16, treated by avoidance, managed.**

Genital/Reproductive: **PGF: Prostate cancer at 72, treated with chemotherapy, cause of death at 72.**

Heart: **MGF: High blood pressure at 43, treated with medication and diet changes, managed. Heart disease at 49, treated with quadruple bypass and defibrillator implantation, resolved. PGM: High blood pressure at 75, treated with medication and diet changes, managed.**

Mental Health: **MCo#3: Attention deficit disorder at 15, treated with medication, managed. MCo#4: Attention deficit disorder at 17, treated with medication, managed. MCo#5: Attention deficit disorder at 18, treated with medication, resolved at 21.**

Metabolic/Endocrine: **MGM: Pancreatic cancer at 62, treated with surgery and chemotherapy, cause of death at 62. MGF: Type 2 diabetes at 52, treated with medication and lifestyle changes, managed. MCo#1: Hypothyroidism at 28, treated with medication, managed.**

Muscles/Bones/Joints: **Osteoarthritis at 60, treated with OTC creams, managed.**

Neurological: **MCo#2: Cerebral palsy at birth (2.5 mos premature), treated with physical therapy, managed with use of wheelchair.**

Sight/Sound/Smell: **D: R: 20/13, L: 20/15**

Cancer (see above): **F: Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. MGM: Pancreatic cancer. PGF: Prostate cancer**

Other: **F: Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at 49, treated with Rituxan, in remission last 21 years.**

DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Not Detected**

HIV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**

Hepatitis B: **Non-Reactive**

Urinalysis: **Normal**

Gonorrhea: **Not Detected**

CMV total antibody: ***Positive**

Hepatitis C: **Non-Reactive**

Chem panel: **Normal**

Syphilis: **Non-Reactive**

HTLV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**

CBC: **Normal**

**CMV IgM is negative/IgG positive. This combination shows a historic CMV exposure and donor is presumed to currently be non-infectious*

GENETIC SCREENING RESULTS: ALL TEST VALUES IN NORMAL RANGE

Expanded carrier screening for 268 autosomal recessive conditions was completed by Invitae and reported on August 19th, 2021.

The results were **NEGATIVE** for the diseases tested.

Disease	Result	Residual risk to be a carrier (based on European & Native American descent)
Cystic Fibrosis	Negative	1 in 2,700
Spinal Muscular Atrophy	Negative - 2 copies exon 7 Negative for c.*3+80T>G variant in exon 7	1 in 800
HBB Hemoglobinopathies & Thalassemia	No abnormal hemoglobin detected (including sickle hemoglobin); No evidence of thalassemia	1 in 4,800
Alpha Thalassemia	Negative	1 in 241

Please refer to the donor's Invitae expanded carrier test report for more information on the testing completed and the donor's results.

DONOR NARRATIVE: 5869

The content of this narrative has not been altered by TSBC staff. It reflects the original written work of the Donor.

Describe your personality: introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, shy, etc.

I am an extroverted introvert. I'm pensive and quiet but become deeply involved with people's stories and find myself playing important roles in unexpected people's lives. I am extremely curious, playful, bold from time to time, but also shy and quiet. I have many dreams and goals, but perhaps not enough time or resources to pursue them all. I am kind but serious.

What are your interests and talents?

I love art, ancient and contemporary, architecture and handsome design. I love plants and landscaping. I grew up running cross-country. I prefer to bike than to drive. I'm a great photographer and a very good performer. I read and read and read because I love it and because I was advised that to write well one must read a great wide variety. I love to be in libraries and on university campuses. I sing, and I sing well enough, I have a good voice, it's baritone/base. I'm a good listener and decent storyteller. I enjoy theater and live performance. I grew up around music and it's hard for me to be in a place that you can't wander down the street to find a band playing on the corner.

What are some of your goals and ambitions in life? Where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 years?

I would like to have several solo gallery shows of my work. I'd like to see my work in more museums. Ultimately I want to develop my collector base and evolve a successful independent art career selling my work. I don't want to be stuck doing the same thing. In my work and self-presentation I'd like to hone my voice for deeper connection. In 5 years, I'd like to go anywhere and feel comfortable ordering food or drinks not being afraid of the bill, no matter where I ended up in that moment.

How would you describe your skills and interests in the following areas?

Math: When I realized that math is a universal language while studying for chemistry my freshman year of college, I fell in love with its potential. For success I need to visualize or physicalize math. I was really good at trigonometry and loved geometry. I hated and was overwhelmed and couldn't bring myself to care when I got to calculus. I like applied math. I use math to bring my ideas into the physical world and when I get it right the first time I'm always overjoyed.

Mechanical: I can take some things apart to make them work again. Things like cameras, or older photography equipment. I can fully service my bike.

Athletic: I like to move, dance, practice yoga, run, bike, swim. I'm less interested in organized sports but loved volleyball, and enjoyed cross-country.

Musical, Artistic, Creative: I love to sing. I sang with others once a week in Louisiana. I am a creator of photographs and videos. I have performed on stages and in museums around the world. I like to write and read. I'm extremely imaginative.

Language (what languages besides English do you speak?): I learned to read, write, and speak French in high school. I continued my studies in college. I can still read French, but don't speak it well.

Writing: I am a poetic writer. I love words and word games. I write mostly non-fiction, and often describe personal experiences or people I encounter. I like to read my work aloud.

Literature: After I graduated college I would bike to the university library and spend 2-3 days a week reading all the things I had never had the chance to before. I read lots of classic literature and some contemporary. Biography may be my favorite genre. I can spend all day reading.

Science: I was so good at environmental science in high school I took the state and national competition tests. I loved biology and studied anatomy thinking I would maybe pursue medicine. Initially I intended to major in Environmental Science in college to be a research scientist or engineer. I became enthralled with organic chemistry because it mixes in symbols and evokes the feel of a primitive art form. I enjoyed geology because there seemed to be so much exploration involved. My artistic output has for years been printed in a black and white wet darkroom. I mix chemistry and water to make silver react and yield a photographic image. I employ the scientific method regularly as many artists do.

Please list a few of your favorite:

Movies: Small Time Crooks, Drop Dead Gorgeous, All About Eve,

Books/Authors: A Confederacy of Dunces/John Kennedy Toole , Grapes of Wrath/Steinbeck, Kate Chopin/The Awakening Joan Didion/Year of Magical Thinking

Albums/Musicians/Performances: Rumors by Fleetwood Mac, Horses by Patti Smith, Edith Piaf, Hurray for the Riff Raff, Hounds of Love by Kate Bush, The Knife, Philip Glass, Kanye West

What are a few of your reasons for becoming a sperm donor?

I've always been healthy and I feel that I have a lot of gifts and talents which possibly I can pass on. Were I not an artist, I would perhaps consider having children of my own, but my life is about my work and using it to address larger issues. I suppose I am too selfish to pursue a career that would allow me to provide for a child of my own, but through donation I can help others who are better equipped to raise a child in a stable, supportive environment.

You have joined the Identity-Release® Program . What appeals to you about this program?

I know I would most likely have many questions if I found out that I was donor conceived, I'm happy to have the potential opportunity to answer those for someone else.

Is there anything else you would like to share with participating families and offspring?

I think I would make a great teacher, but I'm worried about giving away all of my energy and having nothing left to use to make my own work. I grew up babysitting my 4 younger cousins who lived closest to me. I daydream and can invent complete, rich parallel worlds. I like to play games and story tell to get to know people better. I like to work within a large group of people to have many perspectives. If I could easily do so I'd love to move to Berlin or Barcelona or Marseille and be an ex-pat.

THANK YOU!



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HEALTH PROBLEMS LIST DONOR 5869

FAMILY MEMBER HEALTH PROBLEM TREATMENT/OUTCOME

Donor	Cat Allergy	Diagnosis/age of onset: 16 Treatment: Avoiding cats Outcome: Managed
Father	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	Diagnosis/age of onset: 49 Treatment: Rituxan Outcome: In remission 21yrs
Maternal Grandmother	Pancreatic Cancer	Diagnosis/age of onset: 62 Treatment: Surgery and Chemotherapy Outcome: Death at age 62
Maternal Grandfather	Type 2 Diabetes	Diagnosis/age of onset: 52 Treatment: Medication and lifestyle changes Outcome: Managed through weight loss and diet
	High Blood Pressure	Diagnosis/age of onset: 43 Treatment: Medication, Diet restriction Outcome: Managed with Medication
	Heart Disease	Diagnosis/age of onset: 49 Treatment: Quadruple Bypass Outcome: resolved
	Heart Disease	Diagnosis/age of onset: 49 Treatment: Defibrillator Implant Outcome: Died age 72 in surgery due to complications

Maternal Cousin #1	Hypothyroidism	Diagnosis/age of onset: 28 Treatment: Medication Outcome: Managed with medication
Maternal Cousin # 3*	Attention Deficit Disorder	Diagnosis/age of onset: 15 Treatment: Adderall Outcome: Managed with medication
Maternal Cousin # 4*	Attention Deficit Disorder	Diagnosis/age of onset: 17 Treatment: Adderall Outcome: Managed with medication
Maternal Cousin # 5*	Attention Deficit Disorder	Diagnosis/age of onset: 18 Treatment: Adderall Outcome: Managed with medication through age 21. No longer suffers ADD or takes medication for it.
Maternal Cousin #2	Cerebral Palsy (Born 2.5mos prematurely)	Diagnosis/age of onset: Birth Treatment: Physical Therapy Outcome: Mostly employs a wheelchair
Paternal Grandmother	High Blood Pressure	Diagnosis/age of onset: 75 Treatment: Medication and reduced salt intake Outcome: Managed by medication and adjusted diet
	Osteoarthritis	Diagnosis/age of onset: 60 Treatment: over the counter creams Outcome: Managed with creams and ointments
Paternal Grandfather	Prostate Cancer	Diagnosis/age of onset: 72 Treatment: Chemotherapy Outcome: Death at 72 from complications of chemo/aggressive cancer detected too late.

*Two of the cousins with ADD are siblings.

CONCLUSION

The above family medical history information has been self-reported by the donor. We work with each donor to obtain as complete and accurate information as possible, but we are unable to completely rule out the existence of other health information that is not known, or that remains unreported to us. This donor has several cousins affected with attention deficit disorder (ADD). It is very possible the cousins share some sort of genetic predisposition that contributed to the development of ADD. No other members of the family are reported to be affected with ADD. As these cousins are fourth degree relatives to offspring of 5869, it is unlikely the risk for ADD is increased over the general population risk.

As a board certified genetic counselor, I have reviewed this donor's family medical history for identifiable patterns of inheritance that may place the donor or his biological offspring at increased risk for certain health problems. ("Increased risk" is risk that is greater than the risk in the general population).

As reported to me, there does not appear to be personal medical health history that would confer an increased risk beyond what is seen in the general population.

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