



## Mr. May 2025 – Alex Meyer

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The last Rolling Stones concert tour to include Brian Jones, who founded and named the band, commenced on April 17, 1967 in Zurich, Switzerland. Iconic for its floating steel roof and brightly colored panels, the Pavillon Le Corbusier completed in 1967, is the last building Le Corbusier designed before his death in 1965. Habib Bank AG Zurich, was established in Switzerland in 1967, and has grown into a global institution with a presence in 11 countries spanning across four continents. The 1st International Seminar on Biomechanics was also held in Zurich in 1967. And

Zurich hosted a large Marc Chagall exhibition at the Kunsthaus Zürich, the largest art museum in Switzerland.

Zurich was also the site, on October 8, 1967, of the birth of Mr. May. He was the youngest sibling, arriving after three sisters and one brother, and one foster sister. Mr. M was “the baby” of the family. He spent his elementary school years in Zurich. At 14, in 1981, he traveled to the south of France with a friend. They lived on the street for 15 months. He then went back in Switzerland where he attended a high school in Gruyere, up into university years, and graduated in 1988 with a concentration in mathematics. He then went to the university where he studied electro-engineering.

For the next 7 years he learned much at his first job, in a Swiss bank in its IT department. He then found employment with Swiss Air in the employee training department and left in 2000.

1988 in Switzerland was an uncomfortable time for Gays, though it was this time of life for Mr. M to personally come out, there was considerable social unrest in the country. The next several decades, however, saw Switzerland become one of the most progressive countries with regard to GLBT rights in all of Europe.

Mr. M worked at another Swiss bank for the next two years and then on to a Tele-Communications Company until 2010. In 1992 Mr. M met his first boyfriend, Otto, an older gentleman, who sadly passed in 2010.

In October 2009 he began a worldwide position at a telecom equipment manufacturer. After his second partner, Paul passed in 2010. He was able to change his position to work 6 months in America and 6 months in Switzerland. During one of these trips, Mr. M discovered Tropics in Wilton Manors, where he met his current husband, Godfrey.

Mr. M moved to the US in August 2012 to Wilton Manors, and worked for a company in Miramar, FL. The couple got married in 2013. He and Godfrey bought the Tropics business in 2014 and spent a good deal of time restoring it to full functioning following the mismanagement of the previous owners. To recover from the intense months of the re-organization of the business, the couple decided to move to Palm Springs in 2018 for some much-needed R&R. Following the six year "retreat" they returned to Ft. Lauderdale.

Mr. May was very active at the Palm Springs Prime Timers club, especially helping them with their IT restoration, and he was elected President of Prime Timers of the Desert in 2022 and began the reorganization of the Prime Timers of the Desert.

