Guide to the Donald McKayle: HeartBeats of a DanceMaker video recordings
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**Abstract:** Donald McKayle is an African American modern dancer, choreographer, director, and writer who is most famous for his works in the 1950s and 1960s focusing on the expression of the black experience in America. He has served on the faculties of numerous international forums and many prestigious national institutions including the Juilliard School, Bennington College, Bard College, Sarah Lawrence College, the American Dance Festival, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and was Dean of the School of Dance at the California Institute of the Arts. McKayle currently performs multiple roles in the University of California, Irvine dance department including Professor of Dance, Artistic Director of UCI Dance, and the Director of the UCI Etude Ensemble. This collection comprises video recordings used to make the PBS documentary Donald McKayle: HeartBeats of a DanceMaker. Footage includes interviews with McKayle and his family; McKayle teaching in various studios; and performances of his works at UC Irvine, SUNY, Cleveland, Hawaii, and other venues.  
**Creator:** McKayle, Donald, 1930-  
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**Collection Scope and Content Summary**  
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