Finding Aid for the Elyse Robert collection on Ruth St. Denis, 1932-1991

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Elyse Robert collection on Ruth St. Denis

Date (inclusive): 1932-1991

Collection number: 1735

Creator: St. Denis, Ruth

Extent: 1 document box (.5 linear feet) 3 oversize costume boxes.

Abstract: Elyse Robert (1901-1993) danced for Ruth St. Denis' Church of the Divine Dance between 1934 and 1968. During this time, Robert performed with Ruth St. Denis (1880-1968), a pioneer of modern dance, for many events and in numerous churches in the Los Angeles area. Collection includes dance costumes, correspondence, programs, photographs, and notes about Ruth St. Denis performances.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.

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Physical location: Box 4 stored off-site at SRLF. Boxes 1-3 stored on-site. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

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Biography

Elyse Robert (1901-1993) danced for Ruth St. Denis' Church of the Divine Dance between 1934 and 1968. During this time, Robert performed with Ruth St. Denis (1880-1968), a pioneer of modern dance, for many events and in numerous churches in the Los Angeles area.

Scope and Content

Collection includes material by and about Elyse Robert and Ruth St. Denis, including correspondence, programs, photographs, and notes about Ruth St. Denis dances and costumes. Boxes 1-3 in the collection contain costumes that belonged to Elyse Robert and were probably used in her dance performance with Ruth St. Denis. Box 4 contains photographs of dancers, newspaper clippings, programs, and dance choreography.

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2. Box 4: photographs of dancers, newspaper clippings, programs, and dance choreography.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Elyse Robert.

Ruth St. Denis

Related Material
Box 1, Folder 1  
White floor length, long sleeve gown with weighted bottom hem undated  
Note  
Boxes 1-3 are stored in the B-level stacks on top of Rare Books, Range 15.

Box 1, Folder 2  
Two cream colored floor length capes with tassels undated  
Note  
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Box 2, Folder 1  
Blue sari with silver ribbon trim undated  
Note  
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Box 2, Folder 2  
White floor length, long sleeve gown with weighted bottom hem undated  
Note  
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Box 2, Folder 3  
Two cream colored long sleeve, v-neck gowns undated  
Note  
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Box 3, Folder 1  
Six rope belts, one crochet skull cap, one crochet scarf, and one beaded crown undated  
Note  
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Box 3, Folder 2  
Cream colored floor length, long sleeve, scoop neck gown undated  
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Box 3, Folder 3  
Cream colored floor length, zip-up gown undated  
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Box 4, Folder 1  
Photographs of Ruth St. Denis and other dancers. Many of the photographs are inscribed to Elyse Robert. 29 photographs and 2 negatives. 1932 -1952, 1991, and undated

Box 4, Folder 2  
Photocopies of photographs of Ruth St. Denis and other dancers. undated

Box 4, Folder 3  
Newspaper clippings of advertisements and article critiques about Ruth St. Denis performances 1945 March - 1954 December

Box 4, Folder 4  
Poems, some by Ruth St. Denis, many unattributed undated

Box 4, Folder 5  
Correspondence to Elyse Robert 1940, 1991, and undated

Box 4, Folder 6  
Dance choreography undated

Box 4, Folder 7  
Ruth St. Denis and Elyse Robert dance programs 1945-1957

Box 4, Folder 8  
Writings by Ruth St. Denis and Elyse Robert 1947 and undated

Box 4, Folder 9  
Religious images, pamphlets and printed material 1962 and undated

Box 4, Folder 10  
Society of Spiritual Arts programs and informational handout undated

Box 4, Folder 11  
Scrapbook of poems, hand written programs, clipping, and Winter 1993 issue of Sacred Dance Guild Journal 1993 and undated

Box 4, Folder 12  
Elyse Robert obituary and 2 photographs undated