
Joyce Berry papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Joyce Berry papers

Date (inclusive): 1904-1984, undated

Date (bulk): 1920-1960

Collection Number: MS 072

Creator: Berry, Joyce

Extent: 6.67 linear feet(14 boxes)

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of photographs, correspondence, programs, and other material pertaining to former professional ballet dancer Joyce Berry. Notable materials in the collection include correspondence with dance companies, photographs of dancers, and performance programs from the early to mid-20th century.

Languages: The collection is in English, French, German, and Russian.

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing History

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Biographical Note

Joyce Berry Kanitz was an English ballet dancer trained under the Ida Rubinstein dance company. She was a successful dancer in London and Paris, performing with the Ballets Russe de Monte Carlo and Madame Nijinska of the Diaghileff Ballet. Throughout her lifetime she created personal scrapbooks that included photographs of herself and dancers she admired, especially Russian prima ballerina Anna Pavlova.

Collection Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials related to the life and career of ballet dancer Joyce Berry, including correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, programs, music compositions, news clippings, and artifacts.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into eight series as follows:

- Series 1. Artifacts, undated
- Series 2. Correspondence, 1923-1984, undated
- Series 3. Photographs, undated
- Series 4. Articles and news clippings, 1918-1960
- Series 5. Literary works, 1920-1959
- Series 6. Programs, 1904-1977, undated
- Series 7. Music textbooks and composition, 1920, undated

Series 8. Scrapbooks, 1923-1953

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Ballet dancing
Dance
Performing arts

Genres and Forms of Materials

Correspondence
Photographs
Programs

Series 1. Artifacts undated

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains artifacts related to ballet performances, including ballet shoes and castanets.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged by item.

Box 1, Items 1-3
Box 1, Item 4

Ballet Shoes undated

Castanets Set undated

Series 2. Correspondence 1923-1984

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains postcards, personal letters, and telegrams between Joyce Berry, ballet officials, and friends.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged in chronological order and then by subject.

Box 2, Folder 1
Box 2, Folder 2
Box 2, Folder 3
Box 2, Folder 4
Box 2, Folder 5
Box 2, Folder 6
Box 2, Folder 7
Box 2, Folder 8
Box 2, Folder 9
Box 2, Folder 10

Letters to officials in the ballet community 1923-1929

Letters to officials with ties to the ballet company 1930-1939

Letters in general 1940-1948

Letters to outside media 1950-1956

Letters to friends/family 1960-1984

Letters to other persons undated

Russian Correspondence 1925

Telegrams 1923-1933

Documents 1923

Map of France undated

Series 3. Photographs undated

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs of various dancers from Russia, France, and America.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged by photographs of Joyce Berry followed by photographs of other dancers.

Box 3,
Folders 1-21
Box 3, Folder 22
Box 3, Folder 23
Box 3, Folder 24
Box 3, Folder 25

Joyce Berry undated

Other Dancers- Stage Dancers undated

Other Dancers- Portraits undated

Other Dancers- Scenes undated

Other Dancers- Wedding Photo undated

Box 3, Folder 26
Box 3, Folder 27
Box 3, Folder 28
Box 3, Folder 29
Box 3,
Folders 30-39

Other Dancers- Small Photos undated
Other Dancers- Signed Male undated
Other Dancers- Signed Female undated
Other Dancers- Signed Portrait undated
Other Dancers- Sonia Wojcikovska undated

Series 4. Articles and news clippings 1918-1960

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains articles and newspaper clippings related to ballet dancers, performers, and artists who had direct or indirect affiliations with Joyce Berry. The series also includes essays pertaining to ballet, newspaper articles that feature ballerinas and ballerinos in their headlines, and photographic prints of these dances.

Series Arrangement

This series is organized topically.

Box 4, Folder 1
Box 4, Folder 2
Box 4, Folder 3
Box 4, Folder 4
Box 4, Folder 5
Box 4, Folder 6
Box 4, Folder 7
Box 4, Folder 8
Box 4, Folder 9
Box 4, Folder 10
Box 4, Folder 11
Box 4, Folder 12
Box 4, Folder 13
Box 4, Folder 14
Box 4, Folder 15
Box 5, Folder 1
Box 5, Folder 2
Box 5, Folder 3
Box 5, Folder 4
Box 5, Folder 5
Box 5, Folder 6
Box 5, Folder 7
Box 5, Folder 8
Box 5, Folder 9
Box 5, Folder 10
Box 5, Folder 11
Box 5, Folder 12
Box 5, Folder 13
Box 5, Folder 14
Box 5, Folder 15
Box 5, Folder 16
Box 5, Folder 17
Box 5, Folder 18
Box 5, Folder 19
Box 5, Folder 20
Box 5, Folder 21
Box 5, Folder 22
Box 5, Folder 23
Box 5, Folder 24
Box 5, Folder 25
Box 5, Folder 26
Box 5, Folder 27

Dancing Times- A History of Dance undated
Dancing Times- "Bibliographies" undated
Dancing Times- "Complete Essays" undated
Dancing Times- "Incomplete" undated
Dancing Times- Letter on the Dance Ballet undated
Dancing Times- Notes on Décor undated
Dance Articles- Bolshi Ballet circa 1963
Dance Articles- Dance companies circa 1949-1956
Dance Articles- Dancers circa 1959-1972
Dance Articles- General circa 1947-1959
Dance Articles- Productions circa 1942-1987
Dance Articles- Dance Related People circa 1957-1959
Dance Articles- French Language circa 1924
Dance Articles- The Dance circa 1926
Dance Articles- Composers circa 1983
Non-Dancer Related Newspaper Articles 1918-1953
Dancer Articles- Artists 1958
Dancer Articles- Svetlana Beriosava 1959-1961
Dancer Articles- Joyce Berry 1925
Dancer Articles- Antoine Bolin 1959
Dancer Articles- Richard Buckle 1961
Dancer Articles- Yvette Chauvire 1958-1959
Dancer Articles- Sergei Diaghileff 1925
Dancer Articles- Margot Fonteyn 1965-1975
Dancer Articles- Beryl Grey 1958
Dancer Articles- Natalie Krassova undated
Dancer Articles- Natalia Markova 1970
Dancer Articles- Alicia Markova 1957-1958
Dancer Articles- Leoinide Massiene 1960
Dancer Articles- Nadia Nerina 1960
Dancer Articles- Vaslav Nijinsky 1950
Dancer Articles- Nureyev 1962
Dancer Articles- Anna Pavlova 1921
Dancer Articles- Maria Plisetskaya undated
Dancer Articles- Antoinette Silbey 1959
Dancer Articles- Maria and Majorie 1958
Dancer Articles- Ludmilla Tcherina 1955
Dancer Articles- Tamarra Toumanova 1953
Dancer Articles- Galina Ulanova 1956
Dancer Articles- Ninette De Valois 1960
Dancer Articles- Unknown Dancers 1965
Wartime Photos- Originals 1918

Box 5, Folder 28
Box 5, Folder 29
Box 5, Folder 30

Wartime Photos- Photocopies 1918
Dancer Artwork- Paintings undated
Loose Pieces circa 1919
Series 5. Literary works 1919-1959

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains literary works and written entries pertaining to the study of ballet and performances, including dance notebooks detailing lesson plans, artistic cues, and different performance values, and books and pamphlets on ballet and dancers.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged topically.

Box 6, Folder 1
Box 6, Folder 2
Box 6, Folder 3
Box 7, Folder 1
Box 7, Folder 2
Box 7, Folder 3
Box 8, Folder 1
Box 8, Folder 2
Box 8, Folder 3
Box 8, Folder 4

Dance Notebooks- Dance Diaries undated
Dance Notebooks- Notebook #1 undated
Dance Notebooks- Sarbonne, Paris 1930
Journal Entries- Mini Journals undated
Journal Entries- German Lessons undated
Journal Entries- Poetry 1919-1922
Books and Pamphlets- Picture Postcards undated
Books and Pamphlets- Pamphlets 1922
Books and Pamphlets- Pamphlets 1956
Books and Pamphlets- Books 1936

Series 6. Programs 1904-1977

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains programs from various ballet performances between 1922 and 1962. Programs in the series include performance lists, cast lists, production notes, and general information about the performances.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically in boxes 9-10 and alphabetically in box 11.

Box 9, Folders 1-8
Box 9, Folder 9,
Box 9, Folder 9
Box 10,
Folders 1-2
Box 10, Folder 3
Box 10, Folder 4-6
Box 10, Folder 7
Box 11,
Folders 1-2
Box 11, Folder 3
Box 11, Folder 4
Box 11, Folder 5
Box 11,
Folders 6-7
Box 11, Folder 8

Ballet 1922-1959
Ballet News Clippings 1960-1964
Ballet 1964-1984
Ballet, TV, and Movie 1971
Joyce Berry Appears 1912
Joyce Berry Personal Photo's and Newspaper's 1914
Art/Exhibit 1914-1926
Music 1922-1965
Theater 1924-1976
Opera 1904-1977
L'Opera Russe à Paris 1930

The Arts and Critiques 1925-1956
Series 7. Music textbooks and composition 1920

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains musical compositions for ballet performances during the early twentieth to mid-twentieth centuries, including classical compositions from European composers and their notes.

Series Arrangement

This series is organized in chronological order where dates are available. In addition to chronological order specific compositions are listed in alphabetical order.

Box 12, Folder 1
Box 12, Folder 2

Airs à Danser undated
Found with music undated

Box 12, Folder 3	Handwritten sheet and notebook undated
Box 12, Folder 4-5	Mixed Music Sheets undated
Box 12, Box 6	The Music Lovers Portfolio undated
Box 12, Box 7	The University Course of Music Study undated
Box 12, Folder 8	Touch and Technic undated
Box 13, Folder 1	Bath, Boughton undated
Box 13, Folder 2	Bridge, Carroll, Chaminade undated
Box 13, Folder 3	Chopin undated
Box 13,	Farjeon undated
Folders 4-5	
Box 13, Folder 6	Coleridge Taylor, Da Costa, Debussy, DeFalla, Delvin Court undated
Box 13, Folder 7	Franck, German, Grieg, Handel undated
Box 13, Folder 8	Henselt, Ireland, Matthay undated
Box 13, Folder 9	John B. McEwen to Maurice Ravel undated
Box 13, Folder 10	C. Saint-Saëns to Cryil Scott undated
Box 13, Folder 11	Cyrl Scott undated
Box 13, Folder 12	Cyrl Scott to Richard Wagner undated

Series 8. Scrapbooks 1922-1953

Series Scope and Contents

This series contains scrapbooks made by Joyce Berry about ballet dancers, performances, orchestral accounts, and newspaper articles.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged by two folders and then by the size of scrapbooks.

Box 14, Folder 1	Small Dance Scrapbook 1922-1923
Box 14	Small Dance Scrapbook 1923-1924
Box 14, Item 1	Modern Ballet Scrapbook 1923
Box 14, Item 2	Technique of the Dance- Joyce Berry scrapbook 1922-1923
Box 14, Item 3	Joyce Berry Album Scrapbook 1924
Box 14, Item 4	Album Scrapbook 1927-1953
Box 14, Item 5	Scrapbook of Dancers 1923
Box 14, Item 6	Dancers Scrapbook 1923
Box 14, Item 7	Scrapbook- Russian Ballet 1923