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Guide to the

Muriel Stuart papers

1930s-1982

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Summary

Creator: Stuart, Muriel, 1900-1991

Title: Muriel Stuart papers

Date: 1930s-1982

Size: 2.2 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

Source: Unknown.

Abstract: Muriel Stuart was a ballet dancer and teacher who taught at the American School of Ballet from 1935 until the 1980s. The Muriel Stuart papers (1930s-1982) contain her lesson plans and other material related to her teaching career.

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Creator History

Muriel Stuart (1900-1991) was a ballet dancer and teacher. She studied with Anna Pavlova, and joined Pavlova's company at the age of 13. Stuart began to teach ballet in 1927. She taught at the American School of Ballet in New York from 1935 until the mid-1980s. She died in New York City.

Scope and Content Note

The Muriel Stuart papers (1930s-1982) consist chiefly of Stuart's handwritten lesson plans and notes for her ballet classes. Lesson plans describe specific daily exercises. A small amount of dance articles, scores, and printed teaching material is present with the lesson plans.

The collection also contains photographs of Stuart teaching ballet in 1967 and 1968; unidentified photographs from around the 1930s; a short speech Stuart wrote regarding her early ballet education; a 1940 certificate declaring her an honorary member of the Chicago Association of Dancing Masters; and several short letters from colleagues.

Key Terms

Subjects

Ballet -- Study and teaching

Occupations

Dance teachers

Container List

- o. 1 Chicago Association of Dancing Masters Certificate 1940
Dance cage - flat file #261

Class Materials

- b. 1 f. 5-9 1930s-1940s
- b. 2 f. 1-9 1940s-1950s
- b. 3 f. 1-14 1946-1960s
- b. 4 f. 1-13 1959-1969
- b. 5 f. 1-8 1969-1982
- b. 1 f. 1-4 Photographs, Letters, and Speech 1930s-1975