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Sergei Ismailoff papers

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Summary

Creator: Ismailoff, Sergei

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Creator History

Serge Ismailoff, born in Russia in 1912, was educated at the University of Louvain, Belgium. As a member of an athletic group, he decided to become a dancer and studied under Olga Preobrajenska, Bronislava Nijinska, and Lubov Egorova. He made his professional debut in Paris and has performed with Monte Carlo Ballet Russe, Ballet International, and Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. He has also appeared on Broadway and television. By 1960, he and his wife Anna Istomina ran dance studios in Great Neck and White Plains, New York.

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Key Terms

Titles

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Subjects

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Names

Ismailoff, Sergei

Cuevas, Georges, marquis de, 1885-1961

Nijinska, Bronislava, 1891-1972

Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

Grand Ballet de Monte Carlo

Container List

- f. 1 Correspondence: 6 ALS to Ismailoff from the Marquis de Cuevas 1945-1946.
- f. 2 Correspondence: 1 ALS, 1 telegram to Ismailoff from Bronislava Nijinska 1946-1947.
- f. 3 Correspondence: 2 ALS to Ismailoff from Mr. N. Singaevsky 1946 Jan.-Feb
- f. 4 Miscellaneous correspondence, includes ALS from S. J. Denham, President, Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.
- f. 5 Contracts (8) 1929-1945.
- f. 6 Miscellaneous manuscript material: Certificates, identity cards, original drawings, Christmas card, typed biographical sketch, 1 telegram, 1 schedule of lessons, rehearsals, and performances for The Russian Ballet at The Royal Opera House Covent Garden, signed by Grigorieff, 1 itinerary for Col. W. de Basil's Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Season 1936/1937