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Guide to the

Marjorie Gamso collection

1969-2015

(S) *MGZMD 481

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Summary

Creator: Gamso, Marjorie

Title: Marjorie Gamso collection

Date: 1969-2015

Size: 0.75 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Donated by Andrew Gurian and Jeffrey Gamso, 2017.

Abstract: Marjorie Gamso (1944-2011) was a choreographer, dancer, and founder of The Energy Crisis dance group. Gamso took dance classes at the 92nd Street Y, earned a B.A. in anthropology from Columbia University (1968), and presented her first dance, "Octopus City" to the public at the University of Southern California in 1970. She studied ballet with Carmelita Maracci and James Waring, and studied modern dance with Merce Cunningham. The Marjorie Gamso collection (1969-2015) primarily documents her career in New York City from 1971 until her death. The collection contains announcements; programs; press releases; notes; letters to Ellen Kastel, Sally Bowden, and Kenneth King; research material; unfinished projects and proposals; writings elucidating her work and creative process; and scripts. Some items were annotated by Gamso's collaborators (including Mary Jane Leach and Bowden) following her death.

Conditions Governing Access:

Electronic records are currently unavailable. Sound and video recordings are currently unavailable.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Fliers (printed matter)

Notes (documents)

Programs (documents)

Video recordings (physical artifacts)

Occupations

Dancers

Subjects

Modern dance -- New York (State) -- New York

Modern dance -- United States

Women choreographers

Names

Bowden, Sally, 1943-

Gamso, Marjorie

Container List

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Energy Crisis poster.
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- b. 1 f. 5 Notes and Other Dance Writing by Gamso
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Correspondence
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