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Guide to the

Kenneth Rinker papers

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Summary

Creator: Rinker, Kenneth

Title: Kenneth Rinker papers

Date: 1977-1997

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Abstract: Kenneth Rinker is an American choreographer and dancer. The Kenneth Rinker papers (1977-1997) document Rinker's career from 1965 to 1988 through programs, fliers, clippings, and publicity photographs.

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Creator History

Kenneth Rinker is an American choreographer and dancer. In 1970, he became the first male dancer to join the Twyla Tharp Company. He established the Kenneth Rinker Dance Company in 1979; the company was active through the 1980s. Dance works that were choreographed by Rinker and performed by his company included *40 Second/42nd Variations* (1979), *Cantata #84* (1980), and *Generation Pieces: 168* (1981). Rinker collaborated frequently with composer Sergio Cervetti.

Scope and Content Note

The Kenneth Rinker papers document Rinker's career as a choreographer and dancer from 1965 to 1988. The papers consist of programs, fliers, clippings, publicity photographs, and a chronology of Rinker's choreographic works from 1967 to 1988. The materials date from 1977 to 1997, but include copies of earlier material.

Key Terms

Occupations

Choreographers
Dancers

Names

Kenneth Rinker Dance Company