Guide to the
Kenneth Rinker papers
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Summary

Creator: Rinker, Kenneth
Title: Kenneth Rinker papers
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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

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