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Guide to the

**Eileen Adair and Nana Ticotin collection**

1917-1993

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## Summary

**Creator:** Adair, Eileen

**Title:** Eileen Adair and Nana Ticotin collection

**Date:** 1917-1993

**Size:** .67 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by M. Wilber, 2014.

**Abstract:** Eileen Adair (1897-1987) and Nana Ticotin (stage name Ticatin, 1922-1993), were pupils of Irma Duncan (née Irma Erich-Grimme, 1897-1977); herself an Isadorable trained by Isadora Duncan (1877-1927), an American dancer of innovative dance movements. Adair was also a dancer and as a teacher trained Ticotin. Both women occasionally performed together while developing their individual dance styles. The Adair and Nana Ticotin collection, dated 1917 to 1993, reflects the influence of Isadora Duncan on Adair, Ticotin and other dancers through clippings, photographs, programs, a scrapbook, and a book entitled *The Technique of Isadora Duncan as Taught by Irma Duncan*. Assorted material includes writings by Adair, and flyers about the artist Raymond Duncan (brother of Isadora Duncan).

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings  
Flyers (advertising)  
Photographs  
Scrapbooks

### **Occupations**

Dancers

### **Subjects**

Modern dance

### **Names**

Duncan, Irma  
Ticatin, Nana  
Isadora Duncan Dancers

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 *Duncan, Irma. The Techniques of Isadora Duncan* 1937
- b. 1 f. 2-5 Clippings 1948-1993
- b. 1 f. 6-8 Flyers, Invitations, and Programs 1952-1993  
Photographs
- b. 1 f. 9 Cole, Jack 1935
- b. 1 f. 10 Kooluris, Hortense undated  
There are two photographs. One of the photographs was autographed by Kooluris.
- b. 1 f. 11 Members Of Touring Companies 1917-1929  
Assorted Materials  
Adair, Eileen
- b. 1 f. 12 Quotes From Isadore Duncan undated
- b. 1 f. 13 Autobiographical Sketch  
Pages are missing.
- b. 1 f. 14 Duncan, Raymond. Flyers 1949, 1962
- b. 2 f. 1-5 Scrapbook 1934-1971 (Loose pages)  
The scrapbook is fragile. Handle with care.