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Guide to the

**George Platt Lynes/Jack Woody Photographs**

1933-1955

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## Summary

**Title:** George Platt Lynes/Jack Woody Photographs

**Date:** 1933-1955

**Size:** .42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Jack Woody, 2015.

**Abstract:** The George Platt Lynes/ Jack Woody Photographs consist of approximately 115 original gelatin silver 8" x 10" black and white prints of ballet notables by George Platt Lynes for three publications written and/or published by Jack Woody.

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## Creator History

Photographer George Platt Lynes was born in East Orange, New Jersey in 1907. He attended the Berkshire School in Massachusetts, where Lincoln Kirstein was a classmate. Lynes set up his studio in New York City circa 1932 and began taking photos for fashion magazines. In approximately 1934, he was commissioned to photograph the dances and dancers of the American Ballet (later New York City Ballet) which he did through 1955. Lynes died in New York City in 1955 of lung cancer at the age of 48.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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The photographs depict the dancers and repertoire of Ballet Caravan, Ballet Society, Ballet Theatre, and later New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, from approximately 1934 to 1955. Many folders contain a single photograph, although there are a number of photographs for *Billy the Kid*, *Illuminations*, Ralph McWilliams, Francisco Moncion, *Orpheus and Eurydice*, and *La Valse*.

**Arrangement:** Alphabetical

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photographs

### **Names**

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McWilliams, Ralph

Moncion, Francisco

New York City Ballet

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- b. 1 f. 4 *Apollo (Balanchine) - Igor Youskevitch* 1950
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- b. 1 f. 6 Baranova, Irina 1944 September 27, September 1944
- b. 1 f. 7 *(The) Bat (Balanchine)* 1935 [1936?]
- b. 1 f. 8 *Billy the Kid (Loring)* 1938 December 22-1950
- b. 1 f. 9 *Bourrée Fantasque (Balanchine) - Tanaquil Le Clercq, Jerome Robbins* 1950  
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- b. 1 f. 13 *Apollon Musagète (Balanchine) - Lew Christensen* 1938 June 24
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