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Music Division

Guide to the

**Collection of musical scores**

ca. 1850-1982

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## Summary

**Creator:** Harkness Ballet Foundation

**Title:** Collection of musical scores

**Date:** ca. 1850-1982

**Size:** ca. 50 cu. ft. (144 boxes)

**Abstract:** Established in New York in 1961 with Rebekah Harkness as president, the Harkness Ballet Foundation sponsored Robbins's Ballet:USA in its European tour, 1961, and the Joffrey Ballet, 1962-4. 179 compositions and 9 arrangements by Rebekah Harkness; and 90 works of various composers used for ballet.

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## Custodial History

Gift of the Harkness Ballet Foundation.

## Scope and Content Note

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**Arrangement:** In 6 series: Series I, compositions of Rebekah Harkness; Series II, arrangements by Rebekah Harkness; Series III, works by various composers; Series IV, oversize scores; Series V, incomplete, miscellaneous, and unidentified scores; Series VI, parts

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Ballets -- Scores

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Musical scores

### **Names**

Harkness Ballet Foundation  
Harkness, Rebekah West, -1982  
American Music Collection