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Guide to the

Eugenia Delarova Doll photographs

1911-1990

*MGZEB 21-0026

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Summary

Creator: Delarova, Eugenia

Title: Eugenia Delarova Doll photographs

Date: 1911-1990

Size: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Donated by the Estate of Eugenia Delarova Doll in 1993.

Abstract: Eugenia Delarova Doll (1911-1990) was a Russian-born ballet dancer, who performed with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and on Broadway. Her collection contains photographs of dance performances, candid snapshots of friends, and images of Doll's family.

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Creator History

Eugenia Delarova was born in St. Petersburg in the Soviet Union in 1911. She left the country and began performing with the Folies-Bergère in Paris in 1928, where she met and later married the choreographer, Léonide Massine. The couple moved to New York City that same year, and soon after, Delarova began dancing with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. She divorced Massine in 1938, and performed on Broadway throughout the 1940s.

In 1966, Delarova married the engineer and inventor, Henri Doll. The couple donated significant time and money to arts organizations including the American Ballet Theater, the New York City Ballet, the Dance Theater of Harlem, the Joffrey Ballet, the American Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Delarova Doll died in New York City in 1990.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains photographs of Eugenia Delarova Doll, as well as her friends, family, and dance colleagues. The images are arranged into groups of photographs depicting Delarova Doll, photographs of her friends, and photographs of her family.

The photographs of Delarova Doll include a number of portraits, pictures from social events, and shots with other performers and dancers. Those depicted include Mischa Auer, Yul Brynner, Rudolf Nureyev, Marianna Tcherkassky, Mikhail Baryshnikov, and Katherine Healy. Many of the photographs are unlabeled and nearly all of them are undated.

The family photographs include images of Delarova Doll's mother and her brother, Michael Delaroff. The images of her friends are mostly unidentified, but many include inscriptions addressed to Delarova Doll.

Key Terms

Subjects

Ballet dancers -- Photographs

Dance -- 20th century

Dance -- Photographs

Occupations

Dancers.

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Names

Delarova, Eugenia

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-5 Photographs of Eugenia Delarova Doll
- b. 1 f. 6 Photographs of Family
- b. 1 f. 7 Photographs of Friends