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Guide to the

**G.W. Davison-Ackley collection of Max Waldman photographs**

1974-1976

\*MGZEB 21-0027

Processed by Heather Lember in 2021.

## Summary

**Collector:** Davison-Ackley, G.W.

**Title:** G.W. Davison-Ackley collection of Max Waldman photographs

**Date:** 1974-1976

**Size:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by G.W. Davison-Ackley in 1993.

**Abstract:** G.W. Davison-Ackley was a collector of photographs. His collection dates from 1974 to 1976, and holds photographs of dancers taken by the photographer, Max Waldman. The dancers depicted are Mikhail Baryshnikov, Judith Jamison, Bonnie Mathis, Natalia Makarova, and Dennis Wayne.

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**Language of the Material:** English

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## Creator History

G.W. Davison-Ackley was a collector of photographs, and purchased a collection of dance photographs from the photographer, Max Waldman, in the 1970s. Max Waldman (1919-1981) was a dance and theatre photographer best known for his portraits of Mikhail Baryshnikov and Natalia Makarova.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection holds black and white photograph prints taken by Max Waldman between 1974 and 1976, and purchased by G.W. Davison-Ackley. Each photograph includes a typed card with information about the date the photograph was taken, as well as the dancers and performance depicted;

choreographers; musicians; production company; and the negative number.

The dancers appearing in these photographs are Mikhail Baryshnikov, Judith Jamison, Bonnie Mathis, Natalia Makarova, and Dennis Wayne, and the performances include *Giselle*, *Le Jeune Homme et La Mort*, *Cry*, and *After Eden*. The photographs are arranged alphabetically by dancer name.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Ballet dancers -- Photographs

Dance -- Photographs

### **Occupations**

Dancers.

Photographers.

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photographs

### **Names**

Baryshnikov, Mikhail, 1948-

Davison-Ackley, G.W.

Jamison, Judith

Makarova, Natalia, 1940-

Mathis, Bonnie

Waldman, Max

Wayne, Dennis

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1    **Baryshnikov, Mikhail and Makarova, Natalia 1974**  
Contains a photograph from a performance of *Giselle*.
- b. 1 f. 2-6    **Baryshnikov, Mikhail 1974-1975**  
Contains photographs from performances of *Giselle* and *Le Jeune Homme et La Mort*.
- b. 1 f. 7-13    **Jamison, Judith 1976**  
Contains photographs from a performance of *Cry*.
- b. 1 f. 14-15    **Mathis, Bonnie and Wayne, Dennis 1976**  
Contains photographs from a performance of *After Eden*.