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Guide to the

Evelyn Sabin papers

1902-1960

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Summary

Creator: Sabin, Evelyn

Title: Evelyn Sabin papers

Date: 1902-1960

Size: .84 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 volume)

Source: Donated by Elena Mannes, 2010.

Abstract: Evelyn Sabin was a dancer who performed with Martha Graham's dance company in the 1920s. The Evelyn Sabin papers (1902-1960) contain scrapbooks and photographs documenting Sabin's dance career in the 1920s and 1930s. The collection also contains scrapbooks concerning her husband, pianist and inventor Leopold Mannes, and her parents, singers Stewart B. Sabin and Evelyn Coleman Sabin.

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Creator History

Evelyn Sabin (1907-1998) was a dancer who performed with Martha Graham's dance company in the 1920s. Her parents, Stewart B. and Evelyn Coleman Sabin, were singers and voice teachers. Sabin studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, before joining Graham's company. In addition to dancing, Sabin also acted with the Rochester Community Players.

Sabin married Leopold Mannes in 1940. Mannes was a pianist and a member of the Mannes Trio, president of the Mannes College of Music, and co-inventor of Kodachrome, an early color film manufactured by Kodak.

Scope and Content Note

The Evelyn Sabin papers contain scrapbooks and photographs documenting Sabin's dance career from the 1920s to 1940, including her work with Martha Graham. Scrapbooks contain clippings, programs, photographs, and a small number of letters and telegrams. Included are photographs of *The Flute of Krishna*, performed in 1926 and choreographed by Graham. The scrapbooks also contain clippings and programs of the Rochester Community Players from 1930 to 1933, when Sabin was performing with them.

The collection contains a scrapbook documenting Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Sabin's singing and teaching careers from 1902 to 1910; and two scrapbooks concerning Leopold Mannes' music career, his work with Kodak, and the Mannes College of Music.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Names

Graham, Martha

Mannes, Leopold, 1899-1964

Eastman School of Music

Mannes Trio

Container List

Evelyn Sabin

- b. 2 f. 2-15 Scrapbooks 1924-1940
- b. 1 f. 1-3 Photographs 1920s-1930s
 - b. 2 f. 1 Photographic Portraits 1930s
- b. 1 f. 4-6 Leopold Mannes Scrapbooks 1928-1960
 - v. 1 Stewart and Evelyn Sabin Scrapbook 1902-1910