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Thalia Mara papers

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Summary

Creator: Mara, Thalia

Title: Thalia Mara papers

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Size: .63 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Abstract: Thalia Mara was a ballet dancer and educator. The Thalia Mara papers contain administrative records from the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and University of the Dance in 1947, and several versions of Mara's book, *The Language of Ballet* (1966).

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Creator History

Thalia Mara (d. 2003) was a ballet dancer and educator. She published a number of instructional books about ballet, including *The Language of Ballet: An Informal Dictionary*, first published in 1966. In 1947, she and her husband, Arthur Mahoney, were managing directors of the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and University of the Dance. She continued to work in ballet education and competitions until the 1990s.

Scope and Content Note

The Thalia Mara papers (1945-1947, 1965-1967) contain administrative records from the Jacob's Pillow

Dance Festival and University of the Dance, and several versions of Thalia Mara's book, *The Language of Ballet*.

Jacob's Pillow records date primarily to 1947, and contain Mara's and Arthur Mahoney's correspondence with dancers, dance teachers, publicists, potential students, and potential employees. The correspondence concerns both the festival and courses at the university. Other records include financial documents and promotional materials.

The Language of Ballet materials date from 1965 to 1967, and consist of drafts and galley copies of the book, some of which are annotated.

Key Terms

Subjects

Ballet -- Dictionaries

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

Names

Mahoney, Arthur

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-13 Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and University of the Dance 1945-1947
- b. 2 f. 1-4 The Language of Ballet 1965-1966
- b. 1 f. 14 The Language of Ballet 1966-1967