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Anthony A. Bliss papers relating to the Joffrey Ballet

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Summary

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Creator History

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The material is generally arranged as received, in chronological order. Correspondence is listed first under each year, then any items separated by subject such as minutes or the National Corporate Fund. Often a letter is attached to its reply, and this is filed according to the date of the reply. Correspondence in 1988-89 was arranged in alphabetical order by organization or individual potential donor and this arrangement has been kept.

Clippings and press releases have been separated from the collection and placed in *MGZR under "Joffrey Ballet" and "Joffrey II Company."

Key Terms

Titles

Gift of Sally Brayley Bliss

Subjects

Manuscripts -- Collections

Names

Bliss, Anthony A., 1913-1991

City Center Joffrey Ballet

Foundation for American Dance

Joffrey Ballet

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 1969 (13 items)
- b. 1 f. 2 Jan.-May (16 items)
- b. 1 f. 3 June-Aug. (39 items)
- b. 1 f. 4 Sept. 1970 (34 items)
- b. 1 f. 5 Oct. 1970 (56 items)
- b. 1 f. 6 Nov. 1970 (40 items)
- b. 1 f. 7 Dec. 1970 (61 items)
- b. 1 f. 8 Minutes 1970 (5 items)
- b. 1 f. 9 Jan.-Feb. (34 items)
- b. 1 f. 10 Mar. 1971 (32 items)
- b. 1 f. 11 Apr. 1971 (50 items)
- b. 1 f. 12 May-June (23 items)
- b. 1 f. 13 July 1971 (42 items)
- b. 1 f. 14 Aug. 1971 (28 items)
- b. 1 f. 15 Sept. 1971 (22 items)
- b. 1 f. 16 Oct. 1971 (40 items)
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- b. 1 f. 18 Dec. 1971 (31 items)
- b. 1 f. 19 Minutes 1971 (17 items)
- b. 2 f. 20 Jan.-Dec. (39 items)
- b. 2 f. 21 Minutes 1972 (1 item)
- b. 2 f. 22 Jan.-Mar. (28 items)
- b. 2 f. 23 Apr. 1973 (31 items)
- b. 2 f. 24 May-June (37 items)
- b. 2 f. 25 July-Sept. (33 items)
- b. 2 f. 26 Oct. 1973 (49 items)
- b. 2 f. 27 Nov.-Dec. (37 items)
- b. 2 f. 28 Minutes 1973 (18 items)
- b. 2 f. 28 Foundation for Amer. Dance c. 1973-1974 (12 items)
- b. 2 f. 29 National Corporate Fund 1973 (30 items)
- b. 2 f. 31 Jan. 1974 (36 items)
- b. 2 f. 32 Feb.-Mar. (46 items)
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- b. 2 f. 34 June-Dec. (52 items)
- b. 2 f. 35 Minutes 1974 (9 items)
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- b. 2 f. 37 National Corporate Fund 1975 (44 items)
- b. 3 f. 38 Jan.-Mar. (15 items)
- b. 3 f. 39 Apr.-July (35 items)

- b. 3 f. 40 Aug.-Dec. (29 items)
- b. 3 f. 41 Minutes 1980 (8 items)
- b. 3 f. 42 Jan.-Feb. (21 items)
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- b. 3 f. 44 Aug.-Oct. (34 items)
- b. 3 f. 45 Nov.-Dec. (31 items)
- b. 3 f. 46 Minutes 1981 (5 items)
- b. 3 f. 47 By-Laws:Foundation for the Joffrey Ballet 1981 (1 item)
- b. 3 f. 48 Jan.-Feb. (25 items)
- b. 3 f. 49 Mar.-Apr. (24 items)
- b. 3 f. 50 May-June (20 items)
- b. 4 f. 51 July-Aug. (19 items)
- b. 4 f. 52 Sept.-Oct. (20 items)
- b. 4 f. 53 Nov.-Dec. (30 items)
- b. 4 f. 54 Minutes 1982 (10 items)
- b. 4 f. 55 Jan.-Mar. (31 items)
- b. 4 f. 56 Apr.-May (20 items)
- b. 4 f. 57 June-July (32 items)
- b. 4 f. 58 Sept.-Oct. (16 items)
- b. 4 f. 59 Nov.-Dec. (16 items)
- b. 4 f. 60 Minutes 1983 (6 items)
- b. 4 f. 61 By-Laws:Foundation for the Joffrey Ballet, amended 1983 (1 item)
- b. 4 f. 62 Contract Drafts:Robert Joffrey 1983 (3 items)
- b. 4 f. 63 Contract Drafts:Los Angeles 1983-84 (11 items)
- b. 4 f. 64 Jan.-Mar. (44 items)
- b. 4 f. 65 Apr.-May. (14 items)
- b. 4 f. 66 June-Sept. (35 items)
- b. 5 f. 67 Oct.-Dec. (33 items)
- b. 5 f. 68 Minutes 1984 (14 items)
- b. 5 f. 69 Jan.-Mar. (27 items)
- b. 5 f. 70 Apr.-June (45 items)
- b. 5 f. 71 Oct.-Dec. (33 items)
- b. 5 f. 72 Minutes 1984 (7 items)
- b. 5 f. 73 Jan.-Mar. (26 items)
- b. 5 f. 74 Apr. 1985 (30 items)
- b. 5 f. 75 May 1985 (37 items)
- b. 5 f. 76 June-Aug. (31 items)
- b. 5 f. 77 Sept.-Dec. (39 items)
- b. 5 f. 78 Minutes:East Coast 1985 (8 items)
- b. 5 f. 79 Minutes:West Coast 1985 (8 items)
- b. 5 f. 80 Agreement:Robert Hess 1983-86 (7 items)

- b. 6 f. 81 Financial 1985-1986 (3 items)
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- b. 6 f. 83 May-June (36 items)
- b. 6 f. 84 Sept.-Oct. (52 items)
- b. 6 f. 85 Nov.-Dec. (22 items)
- b. 6 f. 86 Minutes 1987 (8 items)
- b. 6 f. 87 Financial:Comparative Report of Departmental Expenses 1983-87 (1 item)
- b. 6 f. 88 Capital Fund Campaign 1988 (3 items)
- b. 6 f. 89 NEA Challenge Grant 1988 (2 items)
- b. 6 f. 90 Robert Joffrey Memorial Fund Donors 1988 (2 items)
- b. 6 f. 91 A-B 1988-89
 - American Express Co. (1 item)
 - Arcorp (1 item)
 - Ascoli Fund (1 item)
 - Baird Winfield Foundation (4 items)
 - Bankers Trust-Contributions Comm. (4 items)
 - Barker Foundation (4 items)
 - Barker Welfare Foundation (5 items)
 - Berger, Meta (1 items)
 - Biddle (Mary Duke) Foundation (4 items)
 - Blum Foundation (2 items)
 - Booth Ferris Foundation (6 items)
 - Bristol-Myers Fund (1 items)
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 - Calder Foundation (4 items)
 - Chase (Lucia) Foundation (7 items)
 - Chatlos Foundation (3 items)