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Abstract: Nathan Middleton Clark (1916 – 2011), was a British shoe manufacturer for C. & J. Clark International, Ltd., his family's company. During the 1960s, Clark decided to move to New York City where he became a friend and financial supporter for the performing arts. The Nathan Clark papers, dated 1957 to 2011, reflects his interest in promoting the performing arts and befriending the artistic community through correspondence, photographs, programs, posters, and ephemera.

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Creator History

Nathan Middleton Clark (1916-2011) was a British shoe manufacturer for C. & J. Clark International, Ltd. While visiting the United States, Clark developed an interest in the American modern dance development. He emigrated to New York City in the 1960s. Clark was an avid attendee and financial supporter of the performing arts. The foundation of the collection reflects his interests through brochures, flyers and other related performing arts material. Clark died in New York City in 2011.

Scope and Content Note

The Nathan Clark papers, dated 1957 to 2011, reflect his interest in modern and experimental dance groups, and performing artists; attending performances; and as a financial donor to the arts.

The material in the collection supports the fact that Clark attended productions held in performance spaces located mostly in lower Manhattan (Greenwich Village and SoHo). Notable spaces or groups include the American Theatre Laboratory, the Dance Theater Workshop, and the Dance Umbrella (funded by the Theatre Action Group). Featured individual performances include new, visiting, and established artists such as Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Pearl Lang and Dance Company; Kenneth Rinker, Sharon Kinney and Dancers; and Edith Stephen Dance Connection.

Clark's broader arts interest is identified by material from the American Dance Festival, Lincoln Center, Performance Space 122, and the Riverside Dance Festival (affiliated with Riverside Church). There is some material that indicates he went abroad to Europe to attend performance arts festivals.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Advertising fliers
Correspondence
Drawings and graphics
Ephemera
Photographs
Posters
Programs

Subjects

Dance companies
Dancers -- United States
Modern dance -- United States

Occupations

Manufacturers

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.)

Container List

Correspondence

- b. 1 f. 1-11 1963-1980
- b. 2 f. 1-10 1980-1984
- b. 3 f. 1-10 1984-1988
- b. 4 f. 1-8 1989-1998
- b. 5 f. 1-11 1999-2008
- b. 6 f. 1-4 2009-2011

American Dance Festival

- b. 6 f. 6-8 Correspondence 1979-2011
See also: Notes, Box 18.
- b. 6 f. 9-10 Memorandum to Board 1999-2010

Programs

- b. 7 f. 1-14 1963-1993, 1999
- b. 8 f. 1-4 2000-2008

Anniversary Issues

- b. 8 f. 5 1948-1957
- b. 8 f. 6 1934-1984
- b. 8 f. 7 *Borek, Tom. The Connecticut College American Dance Festival 1948-1972*
- b. 8 f. 8 *Meiqi, Yang. American Dance Festival and I 2010*
- b. 8 f. 9 Identification Card, Photographs 1974, 1998

Printed Material

Flyers and Programs 1962-2011

- b. 8 f. 10 Alan Good - Alley
- b. 8 f. 11 Alternative Dance Space - Asian Pacific
- b. 8 f. 12 American Theatre Laboratory
- b. 8 f. 13 Balasaraswati - Bat Dor
- b. 8 f. 14 Bausch, Pina
- b. 8 f. 15 Berliner Festwochen - Blossom
- b. 8 f. 16 Brooklyn Academy Of Music - Bunch Festival
- b. 9 f. 1 Carl Ratcliff Dance Theatre - Charles Weidman Company
- b. 9 f. 2 Charlip, Remy
- b. 9 f. 3 Chelsea Chamber Players - Clorfeine
- b. 9 f. 4 Concert Dance Company of Boston
- b. 9 f. 5 Connecticut School of Dance
- b. 9 f. 6 Contemporary Dance System
- b. 9 f. 7 Cornfield Dance - Cortez and Company
- b. 9 f. 8 Dan Wagoner and Dancers
- b. 9 f. 9 Dance Compass - Dance Movers
- Dance Theatre Workshop
Performance space.

Printed Material (cont.)
Flyers and Programs (cont.)
Dance Theatre Workshop (cont.)

- b. 9 f. 10-24 A & G Dance - Zebra McKeever Dance Company
- b. 10 f. 1 Calendars 1973-1985
- b. 10 f. 2 Newsletter, Workshop 1970-1999
- b. 10 f. 3-6 Dance Umbrella
Performance space.
- b. 10 f. 7 Dance Uptown - Dansen Hues
- b. 10 f. 8-12 Danspace Project
Performance space.
- b. 10 f. 13 Darpana Dance Company
- b. 10 f. 14 David Dorfman Dance - Destine
- b. 10 f. 15 Dixon Place
Performance space.
- b. 10 f. 16 Don Redlich Dance Company
- b. 10 f. 17 Doug Elkins Dance Company - Duncan
- b. 10 f. 18 Ed Diello Group - Edith Steohen Dance Connection
- b. 10 f. 19 Eleo Pomare Dance Company
- b. 10 f. 20 Elise Monte - Evans, Donna
- b. 11 f. 1 Feigenheimer - Fred Benjamin Dance Company
- b. 11 f. 2 Gail Conrad Theatre - Gitelman
- b. 11 f. 3 Good - Guerque
- b. 11 f. 4 Halprin - Harms
- b. 11 f. 5 Harry
- b. 11 f. 6 Hennesey - Hess
- b. 11 f. 7 Hivernales Festival 2000
- b. 11 f. 8 House - ICA
- b. 11 f. 9 India Classical Dances
See also: Box 18.
- b. 11 f. 10 Jack Walsh Choreographic Collective - Joan Lombardi Company
- b. 11 f. 11 Jacob's Pillow Dance
- b. 11 f. 12 José Limón Dance Company
- b. 11 f. 13 Joyce Theatre
Juilliard School
- b. 11 f. 14-15 Dance Division 1975-1998
- b. 12 f. 1 Opera Center 1975-1986
- b. 12 f. 2 Theatre 1979-2002
- b. 12 f. 3 Junie Maloney Dance Company - June Lewis And Company
- b. 12 f. 4 Katja Biesanz Dance Theater - Kenneth Rinker Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 5 (The) Kitchen
Performance space.
- b. 12 f. 6 Laban Institute - Laura Dean Dancers
- b. 12 f. 7 Laura Pawel Dance Company - Lincoln Center
- b. 12 f. 8 Linda Tarney and Dancers

Printed Material (cont.)

Flyers and Programs (cont.)

- b. 12 f. 9 Lotte Goslar Pantomime Circus - Luba Ash Dance
- b. 12 f. 10 Luise Wykell and Company
- b. 12 f. 11 McClellan - McLean
- b. 12 f. 12 (La) Mama - Mancini
- b. 12 f. 13 Manuel Alum Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 14 Marcus Schulkind Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 15 Marleen Pennison and Company
- b. 12 f. 16 Marlie's Yearby's - Marta Renzi and Dancers
- b. 12 f. 17 Martha Graham Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 18 Martha Rzasa and Dancers - Miller
- b. 12 f. 19 Mimi Garrard Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 20 Monica Levy Performance Group - Moulton
- b. 12 f. 21 Monk, Meredith
- b. 12 f. 22 Monte and Brown Dance
- b. 12 f. 23 Muller, Jennifer
- b. 12 f. 24 Murray Louis Dance Company
- b. 12 f. 25 Nagrin - Nayo
- b. 13 f. 1 New York - (The) Nutcracker
- b. 13 f. 2 New York Dance Festival
- b. 13 f. 3 Oberlin - Ozone
- b. 13 f. 4 Page - Pauline Koner Dance Consort
- b. 13 f. 5 Pearl Lang Dance Company
- b. 13 f. 6-7 Performance Space 122
Alternate name P.S. 122.
- b. 13 f. 8 Peridance - Phoenix Dance Theatre
- b. 13 f. 9 Proto - Pyramid 101
- b. 13 f. 10 Rachel Harms Dance Company - Ritter
- b. 13 f. 11-13 Riverside Dance Festival
- b. 14 f. 1 Robert Kovich And Dancers - Rothman
- b. 14 f. 2 Ruby Shang And Company - Rudy Perez Dance Theatre
- b. 14 f. 4 Rush Dance Company
- b. 14 f. 5 (The) Salon Project - Shen Wei Dance Arts
- b. 14 f. 6 Snyder - Stephen Petronio Company
- b. 14 f. 7 Stoner - Symphony Arts
- b. 14 f. 8 Takei - Twyla Twarp
- b. 14 f. 9 Victoria Marks Performance Company - Ze'Eva Cohen Repertory
- b. 14 f. 10 Walter Nicks Dance Company
- b. 14 f. 11 (The) Yard
The Yard describes itself as a colony of performing artists located in Chilmark,
Massachusetts.
- b. 14 f. 12 Assorted Multiple Choreographs Works, Plays

Posters

Printed Material (cont.)

Posters (cont.)

- b. 16 f. 1 *Albright, Ann Cooper. Why Calm Down* 1983
Two posters of different dimensions.
- b. 16 f. 2 *American Dance Festival* 1960, 1961
- b. 17 f. 1 *Balletfore* circa 1975
- b. 15 f. 1 *Brooklyn Academy Of Music* 1984
Schedule.
- b. 15 f. 2 *Choreo Mutation in Dance Concert* 1976
Performed at the American Theater Laboratory.
Concert Dance Ensemble
- b. 15 f. 3 circa 1975
Performer Bobbie Silvera name was circled on this poster. Performed at the American Theatre Laboratory.
- b. 16 f. 3 circa 1975 (Oversize)
Performed at the Choreoground.
- b. 16 f. 4 *Dance Junction Presents Dances To The Human Spirit* 1974
Dance Theater Workshop
- b. 16 f. 5 *Boyce, Johanna And Others* circa 1975
- b. 16 f. 5 *Cliff Keuter Dance Company At Tears* circa 1972
- b. 16 f. 5 *Dance Chance Presents Multiple Artists* 1987
Artists presented are Molissa Fenley, Wendy Perron, and Elizabeth Streb.
- b. 16 f. 5 *Garrard, Mimi* circa 1975
- b. 16 f. 6 *The Out Of Towners* 1981
- b. 16 f. 6 *Rosalind Newman and Dancers*
- b. 16 f. 6 *Snow Shadow And Other Dances*
Choreographer Jack Moore.
- b. 16 f. 6 *Seven Fall Dance Events* 1978
- b. 16 f. 6 *Skura, Stephanie* 1985
- b. 16 f. 6 *Spielvogel, Sasha* 1981
- b. 16 f. 6 *(The) Wetzig Dance Company*
- b. 16 f. 7 *Frank Ashley Dance Company*
- b. 16 f. 8 *Halprin, Anna* 1978
Two posters.
- b. 15 f. 4 *Hava Kohav Dance Theatre*
- b. 16 f. 9 *Jan Wodynski Dance Company* circa 1975
- b. 16 f. 10 *Jennifer Muller And The Works*
- b. 16 f. 11 *Joan Miller and the Chamber Arts Dance Players*
- b. 15 f. 5 *Laura Foreman Dance Theatre* 1975
- b. 17 f. 2 *(The) Laura Pawel Dance Company* 1975
- b. 16 f. 12 *Lepkoff and Skura* 1985
Performances by Daniel Lepkoff and Stephanie Skura in the *Onus* and solo performance by Skura.
- b. 15 f. 6 *Luise Wykell And Company* circa 1980
- b. 16 f. 13 *Meg Eginton And Dancers* circa 1980
- b. 17 f. 3 *Monk, Meredith* 1976
Songs From The Hill. Vocal music by Meredith Monk.

Printed Material (cont.)

Posters (cont.)

- b. 16 f. 14 Nancy Meehan And Company 1979, 1999
- b. 15 f. 7 *Parallels*
Multiple performances which includes artist Blondell Cummings (1944-2015).
- b. 16 f. 15 Performance Space 122 1983, 1989
The posters are mostly oversize schedules.
- b. 16 f. 16 *Peter Sparling Solo Flight* circa 1985
- b. 17 f. 4 Ping Chong and the Fiji Company 1985
- b. 16 f. 17 *Rethorst, Susan Dance. The Sacred Cow*
At the Performing Garage.
- b. 16 f. 18 Richard Bull Dance Theatre 1983
- b. 16 f. 19 Roan and Feigenheimer on the Bowery 1979
- b. 15 f. 8 *Rose, Mitchell. The Primal Oom Pah Pah*
Two posters.
- b. 16 f. 20 Satoru Shimazaki and Dancers circa 1995
- b. 15 f. 9 Sole Sisters 1986
This poster advertises three days of tap dancing at the Greenwich House. Featured performers include Gregory Hines (1946-2003) and the Copasetics on the same night. On the verso is a note from Jane Goldberg.

Ephemera

- b. 18 f. 1 Ben Emmons Boot Top Pattern
- b. 18 f. 2 Ruth E. Dance Institute. Pattern
Unidentified
- b. 18 f. 3 Calendars, 1977, 1984
- b. 18 f. 4 Calling Cards
- b. 18 f. 5-6 Passports 1951, 1961
- b. 18 f. 7 Pilot's License 1964
Private
- b. 18 f. 8-10 Tickets 1970s-1990s

Notes

- b. 18 f. 11-13 American Dance Festival 1970s-2003
- b. 18 f. 14-15 Contacts, Travel 1970s-1990s
- b. 18 f. 16 India 1970s-1990s
- b. 18 f. 17 Lists Of Books 1990s
- b. 18 f. 18 Medical
- b. 18 f. 19 Whimsical Notes On Poetry And Songs

Photographs

- b. 19 f. 1-5 Clark, Nathan and Emerson, Ruth (Wortis) circa 1960
The bulk of the photographs are of Ruth Emerson Wortis (1938-2015), a dancer and choreographer traveling abroad in Europe and India.
- b. 19 f. 6-11 Events 1980s-1990s
- v. 1 Photographs of Clark and Others
Photograph album

Sketches and Sketch Book circa 1972

- b. 20 f. 1 Nude Figure and Dancers
Charcoal and pencil sketches

Sketches and Sketch Book (cont.)

- b. 20 f. 2 **Sketches of Nude Figure**
Watercolor sketches in sketch book

Assorted Material

This material is mostly an assorted of Dance-related publications.

- b. 21 f. 1 *Barnes, Clive. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater*
b. 21 f. 2 *I Balletti di Susanna Egri* 1981
b. 21 f. 3 Martha Hill Dance Notation Bureau Award Evening 1984
b. 21 f. 4 *On The Dance Of Erick Hawkins* 1973
b. 21 f. 5 *Vinograd, Julia. Street Pieces* 1975

Newsletters

Dance related publications.

- b. 21 f. 6 *Connecticut College News* 1972
b. 21 f. 7 *The Dance Gallery* 1984
b. 21 f. 7 *Dance Observer* 1963
b. 21 f. 7 *Dancing In The Streets* 1996
b. 21 f. 7 *Dance Notation Bureau* 1999
b. 21 f. 8 *Foot Print* 1983
Gregory Hines and Tommy Tune were featured on the cover.
b. 21 f. 8 *Solomon Company Dance News* 1981
b. 21 f. 8 *Soundance Repertory Company* 1996
b. 21 f. 8 *Taylor Notes* 2009
b. 20 f. 9 Genealogy. The descendants of Joseph and Fanny Clark
b. 20 f. 10 Proposal. Donald McKayle Center for Modern Dance 2009