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Guide to the

First Chamber Dance Company collection

1971-1979

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Summary

Creator: First Chamber Dance Company

Title: First Chamber Dance Company collection

Date: 1971-1979

Size: .63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Donated by the University of Washington Library, 1986.

Abstract: The First Chamber Dance Company was a small touring dance company founded in New York City in 1961 by Charles Bennett. It moved to Seattle in 1974 where it was based until the group disbanded in 1979. The dancers were trained in ballet but incorporated other styles of dance, performance, and choreography. The company also operated the Summer Dance Laboratory, a month-long teaching program. The First Chamber Dance Company collection contains photographs, programs, publicity, and brochures from 1971 to 1979. The photographs are mostly head shots and portraits (including group portraits), with a few from performances.

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Dance companies -- New York (State) -- New York
Dance companies -- Washington (State) -- Seattle
Modern dance -- United States -- 20th century

Occupations

Dancers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Geographic Names

Seattle (Wash.) -- Cultural affairs -- Dancing

Names

Bennett, Charles, 1934-