



# The New York Public Library Jerome Robbins Dance Division

Guide to the

## **Ballroom dance oral history collection**

2015-2018

(S) \*MGZMD 500

Processed by Christopher Arena in 2021.

### **Summary**

**Creator:** Hill, Erita Brady

**Title:** Ballroom dance oral history collection

**Date:** 2015-2018

**Size:** 1.31 gigabytes (112 computer files)

**Source:** The collection was donated by Erita Brady Hill in 2018.

**Abstract:** The Ballroom dance oral history collection contains oral history interviews with 28 professional and amateur dancers from the New York ballroom dance community. Interviewed by Erita Brady Hill, the oral history interviews detail the dancers' experience in the ballroom dance community, their personal and training background, and how they became interested in dance.

### **Conditions Governing Access:**

The interview with Paul Pellicoro is restricted to the public until January 1, 2025.

**Preferred citation:** Ballroom dance oral history collection, (S) \*MGZMD 500. Jerome Robbins Dance Division, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts

**Language of the Material:** English

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### **Creator History**

Ballroom dance is a social and competitive style of partnered dance. Evolving from partnered dances enjoyed at social events, modern ballroom dance is competed internationally at the professional and amateur levels.

There are two schools of ballroom dancing; the International School developed in England and the American School developed in the United States and Canada. Both schools divide dance varieties into

two groups: Standard/Smooth and Latin/Rhythm.

Standard/Smooth varieties include waltz, Viennese waltz, tango, foxtrot, and quickstep.

Latin/Rhythm varieties include pasodoble, bolero, samba, rhumba, mambo, cha-cha, and swing.

The Blackpool Dance Festival is the preeminent ballroom dance competition, held annually in Blackpool, England since 1920.

Emita Brady Hill is an author, oral historian, and educator based in New York. She received her doctorate in romance languages and literature from Harvard University, and has taught at Case Western Reserve University, Columbia University, Lehman College-CUNY, and Indiana University Kokomo. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Indiana University in 2019. Hill conducted the interviews in this collection, with members of the New York ballroom dance community, between 2015 and 2018.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Ballroom dance oral history collection contains 27 interviews with 28 dancers from the New York ballroom dance community. One interview includes two participants.

Dancers profiled include a mix of those at professional and amateur levels. Topics discussed include personal and professional backgrounds of the dancers, where they studied, how they became interested in ballroom dance, accounts of competitions, and other related subjects.

Each oral history subject contains an audio file with the interview recording, text of the interview transcript, and scans of the interview subject's biographical information and signed release form. Some interview subjects contain more than one recording.

Interviews are conducted with the 2014 Blackpool Champions, David Wright and Liva Andrejeva.

All interviews were conducted by Emita Brady Hill.

**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by interview subject's last name.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Ballroom dancing  
Ballroom dancing -- United States  
Dance  
Dance -- United States -- History  
Oral history -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Oral histories

### **Names**

Hill, Emita Brady

## Container List

### Andrejeva, Liva 2016

See Wright, David for part one of Andrejeva's interview.

- er. 1 Interview Recording  
(1 computer file 14.3 megabytes)
- er. 2 Transcript  
(1 computer file 22.6 kilobytes)
- er. 55 Biographical Information  
(1 computer file 127 kilobytes)
- er. 56 Release Form  
(1 computer file 520 kilobytes)

### Angelone, Kateryna 2015

- er. 3 Interview Recording  
(1 computer file 40.8 megabytes)
- er. 4 Transcript  
(1 computer file 29.5 kilobytes)
- er. 57 Biographical Information  
(1 computer file 143 kilobytes)
- er. 58 Release Form  
(1 computer file 512 kilobytes)

### Angelone, Paul 2017

- er. 5 Interview Recording  
(1 computer file 45.4 megabytes)
- er. 6 Transcript  
(1 computer file 26.8 kilobytes)
- er. 59 Biographical Information  
(1 computer file 277 kilobytes)
- er. 60 Release Form  
(1 computer file 516 kilobytes)

### Arbus, Loreen 2015

- er. 7 Interview Recording  
(1 computer file 50.4 megabytes)
- er. 8 Transcript  
(1 computer file 33.3 kilobytes)
- er. 61 Biographical Information  
(1 computer file 212 kilobytes)
- er. 62 Release Form  
(1 computer file 704 kilobytes)

### Davies, William 2015

- er. 9 Interview Recording  
(1 computer file 35.7 megabytes)
- er. 10 Transcript  
(1 computer file 23.2 kilobytes)
- er. 63 Biographical Information  
(1 computer file 152 kilobytes)

Davies, William (cont.)

- er. 64     **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 424 kilobytes)

Dulaine, Pierre 2017

- er. 11     **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 60.3 megabytes)
- er. 12     **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 39.3 kilobytes)
- er. 65     **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 200 kilobytes)
- er. 66     **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 434 kilobytes)

Johnson, Cameron 2015

- er. 13     **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 26.6 megabytes)
- er. 14     **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 21.4 kilobytes)
- er. 67     **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 137 kilobytes)
- er. 68     **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 406 kilobytes)

Lozada, Mae 2016

- er. 15     **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 53.1 megabytes)
- er. 16     **Transcript**  
          (19.3 kilobytes)
- er. 69     **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 185 kilobytes)
- er. 70     **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 441 kilobytes)

Manzon-Heutchy, Hilda 2015

- er. 17     **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 34.1 megabytes)
- er. 18     **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 24.5 kilobytes)
- er. 71     **Biographical Information**  
          (174 kilobytes)
- er. 72     **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 434 kilobytes)

Marianski, Andrzej 2016

- er. 19     **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 49.2 megabytes)
- er. 20     **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 26.5 kilobytes)
- er. 73     **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 289 kilobytes)
- er. 74     **Release Form**  
          (804 kilobytes)

**Martin, Judie and Stan 2016**

The interview with Judie and Stan Martin was combined into a single recording and transcript file.

- er. 21    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 85.9 megabytes)
- er. 22    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 47.2 kilobytes)
- er. 75    **Biographical Information**  
          (2 computer files 273 kilobytes)
- er. 76    **Release Forms**  
          (2 computer files 875 kilobytes)

**McCalla, Stanley 2015**

- er. 23    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 35.1 megabytes)
- er. 24    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 22.9 kilobytes)
- er. 77    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 159 kilobytes)
- er. 78    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 439 kilobytes)

**Melendez, Eddie 2015**

- er. 25    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 34.8 megabytes)
- er. 26    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 26.5 kilobytes)
- er. 79    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 142 kilobytes)
- er. 80    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 418 kilobytes)

**Millman, Kim 2018**

- er. 27    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 37.2 megabytes)
- er. 28    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 28.2 kilobytes)
- er. 81    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 295 kilobytes)
- er. 82    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 680 kilobytes)

**Mojica, Maria 2016**

- er. 29    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 33.5 megabytes)
- er. 30    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 26.5 kilobytes)
- er. 83    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 284 kilobytes)
- er. 84    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 469 kilobytes)

**Neysmith, Carole 2016**

- er. 31 **Interview Recording**  
(1 computer file 40 megabytes)
- er. 32 **Transcript**  
(1 computer file 29.6 kilobytes)
- er. 85 **Biographical Information**  
(1 computer file 340 kilobytes)
- er. 86 **Release Form**  
(1 computer file 493 kilobytes)

**Pellicoro, Paul 2016**

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- er. 33 **Interview Recording**  
(1 computer file 119 megabytes)
- er. 34 **Transcript**  
(1 computer file 74.4 kilobytes)
- er. 87 **Biographical Information**  
(1 computer file 156 kilobytes)
- er. 88 **Release Form**  
(1 computer file 926 kilobytes)

**Porchon-Lynch, Tao 2015**

- er. 35 **Interview Recording**  
(1 computer file 27.3 megabytes)
- er. 36 **Transcript**  
(1 computer file 23.6 kilobytes)
- er. 89 **Biographical Information**  
(1 computer file 187 kilobytes)
- er. 90 **Release Form**  
(1 computer file 491 kilobytes)

**Shalnev, Timofey 2015**

- er. 37 **Interview Recording**  
(1 computer file 60 megabytes)
- er. 38 **Transcript**  
(1 computer file 31.4 kilobytes)
- er. 91 **Biographical Information**  
(1 computer file 177 kilobytes)
- er. 92 **Release Form**  
(1 computer file 447 kilobytes)

**Shpakov, Nikolai 2015**

- er. 39 **Interview Recording**  
(1 computer file 29.5 megabytes)
- er. 40 **Transcript**  
(1 computer file 23.6 kilobytes)
- er. 93 **Biographical Information**  
(1 computer file 201 kilobytes)
- er. 94 **Release Form**  
(1 computer file 471 kilobytes)

**Sveshnikov, Artur 2015**

Sveshnikov, Artur (cont.)

- er. 41    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 30.8 megabytes)
- er. 42    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 24.2 kilobytes)
- er. 95    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 180 kilobytes)
- er. 96    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 402 kilobytes)

Sylvia, Jenn 2016

- er. 43    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 43 megabytes)
- er. 44    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 30.8 kilobytes)
- er. 97    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 225 kilobytes)
- er. 98    **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 471 kilobytes)

Tafari, Joe 2015

- er. 45    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 45 megabytes)
- er. 46    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 33.6 kilobytes)
- er. 99    **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 153 kilobytes)
- er. 100   **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 421 kilobytes)

Thomas, Robin Graehme 2017

- er. 47    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 46.4 megabytes)
- er. 48    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 26 kilobytes)
- er. 101   **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 228 kilobytes)
- er. 102   **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 679 kilobytes)

Vitti, John 2015

- er. 49    **Interview Recording**  
          (1 computer file 53.1 megabytes)
- er. 50    **Transcript**  
          (1 computer file 38.4 kilobytes)
- er. 103   **Biographical Information**  
          (1 computer file 149 kilobytes)
- er. 104   **Release Form**  
          (1 computer file 401 kilobytes)

Wright, David 2016

The interview recording is divided between three recordings. One recording also contains part one of Liva Andrejeva's interview.

Wright, David (cont.)

- er. 51     **Interview Recording**  
            (3 computer files 193 megabytes)
- er. 52     **Transcript**  
            (1 computer file 61.8 kilobytes)
- er. 105    **Biographical Information**  
            (1 computer file 200 kilobytes)
- er. 106    **Release Form**  
            (1 computer file 842 kilobytes)

Yu, Arlene 2015

- er. 53     **Interview Recording**  
            (1 computer file 384 kilobytes)
- er. 54     **Transcript**  
            (1 computer file 26.7 kilobytes)
- er. 107    **Biographical Information**  
            (1 computer file 160 kilobytes)
- er. 108    **Release Form**  
            (1 computer file 461 kilobytes)