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Barbara Newman dance interviews

1975-2010

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Summary

Creator: Newman, Barbara, 1944-

Title: Barbara Newman dance interviews

Date: 1975-2010

Size: 2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)

Source: The collection was purchased from Barbara Newman in 2018.

Abstract: The Barbara Newman dance interviews, dating from 1975 to 2010, were conducted by Barbara Newman in preparation for her ballet publications: *Striking a Balance: Dancers Talk About Dancing* (1982, revised edition 1992), *Never Far From Dancing* (Part II of *Striking a Balance*, 2014), *Grace Under Pressure: Passing Dance Through Time* (2003), and *Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina* (1986). The collection holds paper transcripts and audio tapes.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Creator History

Barbara Newman (born 1944) is a dance critic for *Country Life*, a music critic for *Dancing Times* and the U.K. editor of www.dancemag.uk. Newman has published several books on ballet notably *Striking a Balance : Dancers Talk About Dancing* (1982, revised edition 1992), *Never Far From Dancing* (Part II of

Striking a Balance, 2014), *Grace Under Pressure: Passing Dance Through Time* (2003), and *Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina* (1986).

Scope and Content Note

The Barbara Newman dance interviews, dating from 1975 to 2010, were conducted for her ballet publications. Newman interviewed international ballet dancers, choreographers, ballet company directors, and ballet masters among others.

The collection includes unpublished interviews, which offer more biographical details than the published excerpts. The files hold audio tapes and the paper transcripts (original and edited version for some publications) generated from the tapes. Prominent artists include Alicia Alonso, Merrill Ashley, Arthur Mitchell, and Antoinette Sibley.

Excerpts from the interviews were published in several books, *Striking a Balance : Dancers Talk About Dancing* (1982, revised edition 1992), *Never Far From Dancing* (Part II of *Striking a Balance*, 2014), *Grace Under Pressure* (2003), and *Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina* (1986).

Other interviews, not part of the book publications, were featured in *Dancing Times*, a U.K. monthly magazine.

The collection was arranged by title of publication. The interviewees are listed alphabetically under each publication.

Key Terms

Subjects

Ballet dancers
Choreographers
Dancers -- 20th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Interviews
Sound recordings
Transcripts

Names

Newman, Barbara, 1944-
Sibley, Antoinette

Container List

Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina 1984-1985

Newman states that several transcripts do not have taped interviews. The transcripts indicate where the interviews took place.

The book was published, circa 1986.

- b. 1 f. 1-12 Sibley, Antoinette 1984-1985
- b. 1 f. 13 Ashton, Frederick 1985
- b. 1 f. 14 Beckley, Christine 1985
No taping by author. Typescript typed from Beckley's interviews.
- b. 1 f. 15 Beriosova, Svetlana 1985
- b. 1 f. 16 Bloom, Sheila 1985
- b. 1 f. 17 Clarke, Mary 1985
No taping by author.
- b. 1 f. 18 de Valois, Ninette 1984
- b. 1 f. 19 Dowell, Anthony 1985
No taping by author.
- b. 1 f. 20 Edwards, Leslie 1985
No taping by author.
- b. 1 f. 21 MacMillian, Kenneth 1985
- b. 1 f. 22 Phillips, Ailne 1985
Newman states that the tape is missing. The file contains a handwritten transcript of her comments and edited transcript.
- b. 1 f. 23 Sibley, Winifred 1984
- b. 1 f. 24 Somes, Michael 1984
No taping by author.
- b. 1 f. 25 Wright, Peter 1985
No taping by author.

Grace Under Pressure: Passing Dance Through Time 1995-2001

The transcripts indicate where the interviews took place.

The book was published in 2003.

- b. 2 f. 1 Bintley, David 2001
- b. 2 f. 2 Denvers, Robert 2001
- b. 2 f. 3 du Bouays, Marc 2001
- b. 2 f. 4 Englund, Sorella 1997
- b. 2 f. 5 Fateyev, Yuri 2001
- b. 2 f. 6-7 Frohlich, Jean-Pierre 1999, 2000
For Jerome Robbins Trust.
- b. 2 f. 8-9 Gielgud, Maina 1995, 2001
- b. 2 f. 10 Kolpakova, Irina 1999
The interview was conducted through the translator Julia Kocich.
- b. 2 f. 11 Mercier, Margaret 1996
- b. 2 f. 12 Morris, Mark 1996
- b. 2 f. 13 Russell, Francis 1998
- b. 2 f. 14-16 Schorer, Suki 1995, 1999
- b. 2 f. 17 Thomas, Richard 1997

Grace Under Pressure: Passing Dance Through Time (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 18 Tomasson, Helgi 2001
- b. 2 f. 19-20 Verdy, Violette 1995
- b. 2 f. 21 Vessel, Anne Marie 1995
- b. 2 f. 22-23 Wade, Kathryn 2000-2001
- b. 2 f. 24-25 Washington, Shelley 1999-2000
- Striking a Balance, Dancers Talk About Dancing First edition* 1979-1980
The transcripts indicate where the interviews took place.
Publisher, Houghton, Mifflin, New York and Hamish Hamilton, London, 1982. First edition.
- b. 3 f. 1-2 Alonso, Alicia 1979
- b. 3 f. 3-4 Ashley, Merrill 1980
- b. 3 f. 5-6 Bergsma, Deanne 1979
Deanne Bergsma's interview was recorded on the same tape as Beryl Grey.
- b. 3 f. 7-8 Bonnefoux, Jean-Pierre 1979
- b. 3 f. 9-10 Christensen, Lew 1979
- b. 3 f. 11 Doubrovskaya, Felia 1979
The file contains Newman's handwritten notes from their conversation.
There is no tape.
- b. 3 f. 12-13 Gable, Christopher 1979
Part of Christopher Gable's interview was recorded on Desmond Kelly's tape.
- b. 3 f. 14-15 Grant, Alexander 1979
- b. 3 f. 16-17 Grey, Beryl 1979
Deanne Bergsma's interview is also on the tape.
- b. 4 f. 1-2 Kelly, Desmond 1979
Christopher Gable's interview was recorded on the tape.
- b. 4 f. 3-4 Lander, Toni 1979
- b. 4 f. 5-6 LeClercq, Tanaquil 1979
- b. 4 f. 7-8 Lifar, Serge 1979
No tape.
- b. 4 f. 10-11 MacLeary, Donald 1979
- b. 4 f. 12-13 Marks, Bruce 1979
- b. 4 f. 14-15 Martins, Peter 1980
- b. 4 f. 16-17 Mason, Monica 1979
- b. 5 f. 1-2 Nerina, Nadia 1979
- b. 5 f. 3-4 Seymour, Lynn 1979
- b. 5 f. 5-6 Shearer, Moira 1979
- b. 5 f. 7-8 Sibley, Antoinette 1979
- b. 5 f. 9-10 Vilzak, Anatole 1979
- b. 5 f. 11-12 Wall, David 1979
- b. 5 f. 13-14 Youskevitch, Igor 1979
- Interviews Not Published
- b. 6 f. 1 Fracci, Carla 1979
- b. 6 f. 2-4 Haydee, Marcia 1979
- b. 6 f. 5-7 Lazowsky, Yurek 1979
Part of his interview is on the tape of Tanaquil LeClercq.

Striking a Balance, Dancers Talk About Dancing First edition (cont.)
Interviews Not Published (cont.)

- b. 6 f. 8 Park, Merle 1979
- b. 6 f. 9-10 Tomasson, Helgi 1979
- b. 6 f. 11 Wilde, Patricia 1979

Striking A Balance: Dancers Talk About Dancing (revised edition) 1979-1991
Publisher: Limelight Editions, 1992.

- b. 6 f. 12-13 Ananiashvili, Nina 1991
- b. 6 f. 14-15 Kaye, Nora 1979
- b. 6 f. 16-17 Larsen, Niels Bjorn 1980
- b. 6 f. 18-19 Sarry, Christine 1979

Never Far From Dancing 2008-2009
The transcripts indicate where the interviews took place.
Published by Routledge, London, 2014.

- b. 7 f. 1 Alonso, Alicia 2008
- b. 7 f. 2 Ananiashvili, Nina 2008
- b. 7 f. 3 Ashley, Merrill 2008
- b. 7 f. 4 Bonnefoux, Jean-Pierre 2009
- b. 7 f. 5 Grey, Beryl 2009
- b. 7 f. 6 Kelly, Desmond 2008
- b. 7 f. 7 MacLeary, Donald 2008
- b. 7 f. 8 Mason, Monica 2008
- b. 7 f. 9 Seymour, Lynn 2008
- b. 7 f. 10 Sibley, Antoinette 2009
- b. 7 f. 11 Wall, David 2008

Speaking Of Dance
The bulk of the audio-tapes do not have paper transcripts.

- b. 7 f. 12 Alston, Richard 2008
- b. 7 f. 13 Chaib, Eli 1989

Other Typescripts 1975

- b. 7 f. 14 Nagrin, Daniel 1975 May 8
This is a transcript of a recording conducted for the Oral History Archive, Dance Collection.
- b. 7 f. 15 Royal Danish Ballet
A note indicates that these interviews were from conversations held on September 1995 with Stephen Pier, Niels Bjorn Larsen, Vivi Flindt and Palle Jacobsen.

Audio Recordings 1979-2010
The transcripts were generated from these audio recordings.

Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina

- 762814 Interview with Ninette de Valois [14 of 15] 1984 October 10
- 762815 Interview with Anthony Dowell [15 of 15] 1984 June 5
- 762711 Interview 1984 June 1; 1984 August 13 [1 of 15] 1984
- 762720 Interview 1985 August 8 (continue); October 14 [10 of 15] 1985
- 762721 Interview with Frederick Ashton [11 of 15] 1985 October 23
- 762722 Interviews with Svetlana Beriosova (May 3, 1985); Sheila Bloom May 13, 1985 [12 of 15] 1985

Audio Recordings (cont.)

Antoinette Sibley: Reflections of a Ballerina (cont.)

- 762723 Interviews with Sheila Bloom (continue); Kenneth MacMillian [13 of 15]
1985
- 762712 Interview 1984 June 5 [2 of 15] 1984
- 762713 Interview 1984 August 13; 1984 December 7 [3 of 15] 1984
- 762714 Interview 1984 December 7; 1985 February 28 [4 of 15] 1984-1985
- 762715 Interview 1985 February 28; March 7 [5 of 15] 1985
- 762716 Interview 1985 March 9; April 26 [6 of 15] 1985
- 762717 Interview 1985 April 26; June 28; June 8; July 19 [7 of 15] 1985
- 762718 Interview 1985 August 1 [8 of 15] 1985
- 762719 Interview 1985 August 1; August 8 [9 of 15] 1985

Grace Under Pressure: Passing Dance Through Time

- 762724 Interview with David Bintley 2001 September 22
- 762728 Interview with Marc du Bouays 2001 October 30
- 762729 Interview with Sorella Englund 1987 February 28
- 762737 Interview with Irina Kolpakova 1999 June 5
Translator Julia Kocich
- 762738 Interview with Margaret Mercier 1996 January 18
- 762739 Interview with Mark Morris 1996 August 15
- 762740 Interview with Francis Russell 1998 August 21
- 762745 Interview with Helga Tomasson 2001 August 17
- 762748 Interview with Anne Marie Vessel 1995 September 27
- 762725 Interview with Robert Denvers [1] 2001 November 15
- 762730 Interview with Yuri Fateyev [1] 2001 July 5
- 762732 Frohlich, Jean-Pierre [1] 1999 June 3
- 762734 Interview with Maina Gielgud [1] 1995 January 14
- 762741 Interview with Suki Schorer [1] 1995 June 21
- 762743 Interview with Richard Thomas [1] 1997 March 21
- 762746 Interview with Violette Verdy [1] 1995 Aug. 22; 23
- 762749 Interview with Katie Wade [1] 2000 December 19
- 762752 Interview with Shelley Washington [1] 1999 April 30
- 762726 Interview with Robert Denvers [2] 2001 November 15
- 762731 Interview with Yuri Fateyev [2] 2001 July 5
- 762733 Frohlich, Jean-Pierre [2] 2000 November 15
- 762735 Interview with Maina Gielgud [2] 2001 April 5
- 762742 Interview with Suki Schorer [2] 1999 June 2
- 762744 Interview with Richard Thomas [2] 1997 March 21
- 762747 Interview with Violette Verdy [2] 1995 September 1
- 762750 Interview with Katie Wade [2] 2001 February 6
- 762753 Interview with Shelley Washington [2] 1999 August 6
- 762727 Interview with Robert Denvers [3] 2001
- 762736 Interview with Maina Gielgud [3] 2001 April 5
- 762751 Interview with Katie Wade [3] 2001 Feb. 6, 2002 May 8

Audio Recordings (cont.)

Never Far From Dancing (Volume 2 of Striking a Balance)

- 762807 Interviews with Alicia Alonso; Merrill Ashley and Donald Macleary 1980
- 762808 Interviews with Nina Ananiashvili, Lynn Seymour 2008
- 762809 Interview with Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux 2009 April 17
- 762810 Interview with Beryl Grey, Antoinette Sibley 2009
- 762811 Interview with Monica Mason 2008 November 3, November 7 2008
- 762812 Interviews with Desmond Kelly, David Wall 2008

Speaking of Dance

- 762816 Interviews with Lea Anderson (Sept. 3, 2004), Richard Alston (Aug. 29, 2008), Loipa Araujo (Nov. 30, 2010) 2004-2010
- 762817 Interviews with Lea Anderson (Sept. 24, 1987), Asya Chorley (Oct. 23, 1987) 1987
- 762818 Interview with Gordon Anthony 1988 May 26
- 762819 Interview with Merrill Ashley 1987 April 21
- 762820 Interviews with Bob Berky (Jan. 24, 1989), John Ashford (Feb. 20, 1989) 1989
- 762821 Interview with Elie Chaib 1989 August 4
- 762822 Interview with Lt. Colonel Sir Vivian Dunn 1988 April 26
- 762823 Interview with Lt. Colonel Edward Armitstead (April 18, 1985), David Gayle (May 8, 1985) 1985
- 762824 Interviews with Tim Flavin (Nov. 28, 1985), John Bloom (Dec. 23, 1985) 1985
- 762825 Interviews with David Gayle (Aug. 5, 1988), Val Bourne (1988) 1988
- 762826 Interviews with Alexander Schouvaloff (Feb 2, 1987), Gavin Henderson (Mar 17, 1987) 1987
- 762827 Interviews with Allegra Kent (Mar. 8, 1988) Joe Layton (Apr. 21, 1988) 1988
- 762828 Interviews with Michael Kustow (Mar. 21, 1989), Larisa Skylanskaya (Apr. 28, 1989) 1989
- 762829 Interview with Egon Madsen 1989 June 17
Not published
- 762830 Interviews with Arthur Mitchell (April 9, 1986), Siobhan Stanley (June 27, 1986), Richard Alston (Oct 15, 1986) 1986
- 762831 Interview with Olga Morosova 1988 April
- 762832 Interview with Olga Morosova 1988 April
- 762833 Interview with Knud Arne Jurgensen 1989 Oct 12
- 762834 Interview with Steve Paxton 1986 September 17
- 762835 Interview with Geoff Dunlop 1985 March 11
Tape also holds Aline Phillips interview (Feb. 21, 1985) for book Antoinette Sibley)
- 762836 Interviews with Philip Prowse (Oct. 17, 1984), Gennady Rozhdestvensky (Dec. 18, 1984), Dan Wagoner (Jan. 22, 1985) 1984, 1985
- 762837 Interviews with Scott Salmon (Mar. 25, 1986), Arthur Mitchell (April 9, 1986) 1986
- 762838 Interview with Bruce Sansom 2000 December 30
- 762839 Interviews with Sally Streets Nichols (June 29, 1985), Valda Setterfield (Set. 18, 1985) 1985

Audio Recordings (cont.)
Speaking of Dance (cont.)

- 762840 Interview with Gailene Stock
- 762841 Interview with Natch Taylor 1988 October 30
- 762842 Interviews with Yolanda Sonnabend ; Mr. Wang (Oct 28, 1986) 1986, 1987
- 762843 Interviews with Peter Wright Jan. 21, 1986), David Leonard (Feb. 19, 1986)
1986
- 762844 Interviews with Meryl Tankard (July 4, 1986), Vicky Simon (July 16, 1986)
1986
- Striking a Balance, Dancers Talk About Dancing. 1st edition
- 762754 Interview with Alicia Alonso 1979 July 19
- 762755 Interview with Merrill Ashley 1980 June 14
- 762758 Interview with Lew Christensen 1979 May 21
- 762759 Interview with Christopher Gable 1979 July 31
Part of Gable's interview on Desmond Kelly tape
- 762771 Interview with Donald Macleary 1979 May 17
- 762772 Interview with Bruce Marks 1979 April 21
- 762773 Interview with Bruce Marks 1979 Apr 21, 1980 Jan 29
- 762776 Interview with Monica Mason 1979 July 1
- 762777 Interview with Nadia Nerina 1979 October 16
- 762784 Interview with Anatole Vitzak 1979 May 23
- 762789 Interview with Carla Fracci 1979 October 17
Not published
- 762790 Interview with Marcia Haydee 1979 July 4
Not published
- 762791 Interview with Stephen Jeffries 1979 June 30
Not published
- 762794 Interview with Egon Madson 1979 July 3
Not published
- 762795 Interview with Merle Park 1979
Not published
- 762796 Interview with Peter Schaufuss 1979 June 27
Not published
- 762799 Interview with Pat Wilde 1979 June 5
Not published
- 762813 Interview with Merle Park 1979
Not published see: 762795
- 762756 Interview with Jean-Pierre Bonnefous [1] 1979 June 5; December 18
- 762760 Interview with Alexander Grant [1] 1979 July 9
- 762762 Interview with Beryl Grey [1] 1979 July 24
- 762764 Interview with Desmond Kelly [1] 1979 July 28
- 762766 Interview with Toni Lander [1] 1979 June 28
- 762769 Interview with Tanaquil LeClerc [1] 1979 February 27
- 762774 Interview with Peter Martins [1] 1980 July 7
- 762778 Interview with Lynn Seymour [1] 1979 October 5
continues on Antoinette Sibley tape

Audio Recordings (cont.)

Striking a Balance, Dancers Talk About Dancing. 1st edition (cont.)

- 762780 Interview with Moira Shearer [1] 1979 October 12
 - 762782 Interview with Antoinette Sibley [1] 1979 October 15
 - 762787 Interview with Igor Youskevitch [1] 1979 January 3
 - 762792 Interview with Stephen Jeffries [1] 1979 June 30
Not published
 - 762797 Interview with Helgi Tomasson [1] 1979 December 14
Not published
 - 762757 Interview with Jean-Pierre Bonnefous [2] 1979 December 18
 - 762761 Interview with Alexander Grant [2] 1979 July 9
 - 762763 Interview with Beryl Grey [2] 1979 July 24
Interview with Deanne Bergsma on tape 2
 - 762765 Interview with Desmond Kelly [2] 1979 July 28
Interview with Christopher Gable on tape
 - 762767 Interview with Toni Lander [2] 1979 August 18
 - 762770 Interview with Tanaquil LeClerc [2] 1979 February 27
Yurek Lazowsky on tape
 - 762775 Interview with Peter Martins [2] 1980 July 7
 - 762779 Interview with Lynn Seymour [2] 1979 October 8
 - 762781 Interview with Moira Shearer [2] 1979 October 13
 - 762783 Interview with Antoinette Sibley [2] 1979 October 15
Interview with Nadia Nerina on tape
 - 762786 Interview with David Wall [2] 1979 June 30; Oct. 10
 - 762788 Interview with Igor Youskevitch [2] 1979 January 3
 - 762793 Interview with Yurek Lazowsky [2] 1979 March 22
Not published
 - 762798 Interview with Helgi Tomasson [2] 1979 December 14
Not published
 - 762768 Interview with Toni Lander [3] 1979 August 18
- Striking a Balance, Dancers Talk About Dancing. Revised edition
- 762803 Interview with Nora Kaye 1979 October 29
 - 762806 Interview with Christine Sarry 1979 April 26
 - 762800 Interview with Nina Ananiashvili [1] 1991 Nov. 11; 14
 - 762804 Interview with Niels Bjorn Larsen [1] 1980 February 26
 - 762801 Interview with Nina Ananiashvili [2] 1991 November 14
 - 762805 Interview with Niels Bjorn Larsen [2] 1980 February 26
 - 762802 Interview with Nina Ananiashvili [3] 1991 November 9