

Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Dance Program Records, 1967-1985

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash). Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Title	Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Dance Program Records
Dates	1967-1985 (inclusive) 1967 1985 1973-1984 (bulk) 1973 1984
Quantity	1.2 cubic feet, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	5807-03
Summary	Records concerning dance performances and dance instruction sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Historical Note

The Department of Parks and Recreation maintains the City's parks, shorelines, and boulevards; and administers community centers, public golf courses, and other athletic and cultural facilities. Seattle's first park was established in 1884 after David Denny donated land to the City for that purpose. At that time, a three-member park committee, with limited authority, was created to manage the nascent park system. A Board of Parks Commissioners was established in 1890 with control over all public parks and authority to appoint a Parks Superintendent. In 1896, the City Charter created the position of Superintendent of Streets, Sewers and Parks. The Parks Department became a separate entity in 1904. In 1926, a City Charter amendment abolished the position of Superintendent, distributing its responsibilities between the Head Gardener and the Landscape Architect. A 1948 City Charter amendment required the Board of Park Commissioners to appoint a park superintendent to administer the department. In 1967, another City Charter Amendment reconstituted the Board as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council, changed the agency name to Department of Parks and Recreation, and placed fiscal and operational administration under the superintendent. In 1902 the City hired the

Olmsted Brothers, the country's premier landscape architectural firm, to design a parks and boulevards system. Although not all of the plan was implemented, the Olmsted legacy is evident in many of Seattle's parks and boulevards. The City acquired significant amounts of property for park purposes following the turn of the 20th Century, but in 1926 further acquisition was limited by a City Charter amendment that stipulated only money in the Park Fund could be used for that purpose. However, in the 1970s the Forward Thrust Bond issue, along with federal grants and the Seattle Model City Program, supported the largest expansion of the Park system in Seattle history. These programs funded more than 70 new parks and park facilities. The Department manages over 6,000 acres of park land, over two dozen community centers, five municipal golf courses, the Aquarium, and many other recreational and athletic facilities.

Content Description

Correspondence, press releases, promotional materials, contracts, programs, brochures, and photographs related to the Discover Dance series. The series, which was co-sponsored by the Dance Advisory Council, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and the University of Washington Lectures & Concerts, brought to Seattle world-renowned dance companies, including the Joffrey Ballet and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Also included are articles of incorporation, minutes, correspondence and financial records of the Dance Advisory Council and files concerning dance classes and operations of the Madrona Dance Center.

For related records regarding the administration of the Performing and Visual Arts Program, see record series 5807-14.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged into three subseries: Discover Dance files, Dance Advisory Council records, and Madrona Dance Center files.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Discover Dance Series, 1967-1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Dance Series 1976-1977	1976-1977
1/2	Dance Series 1976-1977	1976-1977
1/3	Dance Series 1977-1978 (Includes Photographs of Pennsylvania Ballet)	1976-1977
1/4	Dance Series 1977-1978	1977
1/5	Discover Dance Series	1978-1981
1/6	Discover Dance Series	1981-1982
1/7	Discover Dance Series	1982-1983
1/8	Discover Dance News	1981-1984
1/9	Discover Dance Series Subscription Campaign	1982-1983
1/10	Discover Dance Series Subscription Campaign	1983-1984
1/11	Discover Dance Series Discounts	1983-1984
1/12	Discover Dance Series Publicity Reports	1982-1983
1/13	Discover Dance Year In Review	1982-1983
1/14	Discover Dance Series Brochures and Programs	1979-1984
1/15	Houston Ballet Group Sales	1984
2/1	Joffrey Ballet Advisory Committee	1969-1983
2/2	Joffrey Ballet Budget	1983
2/3	Joffrey Ballet Communication	1983
2/4	Joffrey Ballet Contract	1982-1983
2/5	Joffrey Ballet Contract	1981-1983

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/6	Joffrey Ballet - Harpsichord Adventure	1983
2/7	Joffrey Ballet Orchestra	1983
2/8	Joffrey Ballet Promotions	1982-1983
2/9	Joffrey Ballet Public Relations	1967-1981
2/10	Alwin Nikolais Contract	1983-1984
2/11	Promotion Ideas	1981-1982
2/12	Royal Winnipeg Ballet	1981-1983
2/13	Royal Winnipeg Ballet	1983
2/14	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Advertising and Programs	1981-1982
2/15	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Articles	1981-1982
2/16	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Communications	1980-1983
2/17	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Contract	1982-1983
2/18	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Photographs	undated
2/19	Royal Winnipeg Ballet Promotion and Program Notes	1983
2/20	Theatre Comparisons	1982
3/1	Theatre Flamingo	1973-1974
3/2	Young People's Matinee - Ideas	1982-1983

Dance Advisory Council Records, 1971-1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/3	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws	1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/4	Budget	1980-1981
3/5	Correspondence	1973-1975
3/6	Correspondence	1980-1983
3/7	Event Calendars	1975
3/8	Finances	1973-1981
3/9	Financial History	1982-1984
3/10	Goals and Functions	1973-1974
3/11	Meeting Reports	1973
3/12	Minutes	1973-1981
3/13	Proposals	1973-1975

Madrona Dance Center files, 1973-1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/14	Clippings	1974-1981
3/15	Evaluation	1973
3/16	Faculty Newsletter	1980
3/17	History	undated
3/18	Madrona Dance Studio and City Wide Dance Program Management Plan	1978
3/19	Reports	1973
3/20	Schedules	1976-1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/21	Staff Memos	1979-1985

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Dance schools--Washington (State)--Seattle

Dance--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash). Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Joffrey Ballet

Madrona Dance Center (Seattle, Wash.)

Royal Winnipeg Ballet

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographs

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