

Guide to the Harold Minsky Photograph Collection PH-00075

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections Division.
Creator:	Minsky, Harold
Title:	Harold Minsky Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00075
Date [inclusive]:	1957-1977
Physical Description:	1.6 Linear Feet 14 hanging folders, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 flat file
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Harold Minsky Photograph Collection (1957-1977) contains photographs collected by Las Vegas burlesque show developer Harold Minsky. The materials include photographs of performers in costume, showgirls, comedians, advertisements for shows, performances, and some of the venues at which Minsky's shows were held, including the Thunderbird Hotel, the Aladdin Hotel, and the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Harold Minsky Photograph Collection, 1957-1977. PH-00075. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Harold Minsky was a member of the Minsky Family, a family that became notorious for their bawdy burlesque shows in New York City during the early-twentieth century. He brought the show "Follies" to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1957 for a six-year run at the Dunes Hotel and Casino, which helped launch his successful career in Las Vegas that included shows at the Silver Slipper, Thunderbird, and Aladdin hotels. Minsky produced shows in Las Vegas until his death in 1977.

Source: Joanne Goodwin, "Minsky's Burlesque," *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. October 2010. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/minskys-burlesque>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged into three series:

Series I. Costumes, 1957-1972;

Series II. People, 1960s-1970s;

Series III. Publicity, 1960-1977.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1981 by Patricia Minsky Shapiro; accession number 1987-97.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Joyce Moore in 1996. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Minsky's Burlesque Collection, 1922-1978. MS-00290. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Harold Minsky. Interview, January 21, 1970. Arnold Shaw Oral History Project. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Burlesque (Theater)
- photographs
- Minsky, Harold
- Dunes Hotel and Country Club (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Aladdin Hotel and Casino
- Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Saloon

Collection Inventory

Costumes, 1957-1972

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet 9 hanging folders and 1 flat file

Scope and Contents Note

Materials contain photographs of burlesque performers in costume, showgirls, comedians, and performances held at the Dunes Hotel and Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada and at the Manor House in New Jersey.

Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
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Woman in costume, undated	folder 01
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Woman in costume: "Ebb Tide: Betty", undated	folder 01
Woman in costume: "Ebb Tide: Jean", undated	folder 01

Woman in costume: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 01
Woman in costume: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 01
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Performance: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 02
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Performance: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 03
Performance: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 03
Performance: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 03
Performance: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 03
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Woman in costume: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 03
Woman in costume: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 04
Woman in costume: Dunes Hotel, undated	folder 04
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Woman in costume, undated	folder 04
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Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet 5 hanging folders

Scope and Contents Note

Materials contain photographs of performers, choreographers, and show casts in Harold Minsky's burlesque shows from the 1960s and 1970s. Materials include photographs of comedians Tommy "Moe" Raft and Irving Benson, performers Jeanne Linero, Dana Opel, and Lili St. Cyr, actor Jack Mann, and choreographers Jerry Norman and Madam Kamarova. Materials also include photographs of Harold Minsky and Howie Engler, one of the owners of from the Dunes Hotel.

Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
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Publicity, 1960-1977

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet 3 hanging folders, 1 shared box of negatives, and 1 flat file

Scope and Contents Note

Materials contain publicity photographs for Harold Minsky's burlesque shows from 1960 to 1977. Materials include photographs of Minsky's Girls of 1960, photographs of show casts, and photographs of performances at the Aladdin Hotel and the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Playboy Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

Arrangement	
Materials remain in original order.	
Title/Description	Containers
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Minsky's Girls of 1960, 1960	item 01
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