Guide to the Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre

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Summary Information

Creator: Houssels, Nancy
Title: Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre
ID: MS-00392
Date [inclusive]: 1972-1997
Physical Description: 0.67 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 flat file)
Physical Description: 2.42 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English

Preferred Citation

Biographical Note

Born in Piedmont, California in 1935, Nancy Houssels is a retired dancer and prominent supporter of the arts in Las Vegas, Nevada. She started dancing as a child, and in 1957 received a B. A. degree in Theater Arts from the University of California at Los Angeles. During her dance career, she toured the world as a part of the dance team of Szony and Claire, eventually settling in Las Vegas in 1966. She performed at the Tropicana Hotel until 1970, when she married the Tropicana president, J. Kell Houssels, Jr. Although she retired from dancing to focus on her family, Houssels co-founded the Nevada Dance Theatre (now the Nevada Ballet Theatre) in 1972 with dancer and choreographer Vassili Sulich. Houssels also remains active in the community, having served on a number of boards, including the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) Foundation, the Meadows School, the Bank of Commerce, the Children's Service Guild, and the Smith Center for the Performing Arts. Houssels also chaired the Nevada State Council of the Arts for...
seven years and helped establish a folk arts program in Nevada. She continues to serve as the co-chair of the Nevada Ballet Theatre Board of Trustees.

Sources:


Scope and Contents Note


Arrangement

Materials are arranged by size and type of material, roughly in reverse chronological order.

Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1997 by Nancy Houssels; acquisition number 1997-011.

Processing Information

In 2018, as a part of an archival backlog elimination project, Gayle O'Hara rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Gayle O'Hara wrote the finding guide and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Related Materials

Related Collections


Names and Subjects

- Ballet
- Ballet dancers
- Nevada Ballet Theater -- Ballet dancers
- Photographs
- Sulich, Vassili
- Nevada Dance Theatre
## Collection Inventory

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