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Collection Summary

**Title:** Larry Colwell Dance Photographs
**Span Dates:** 1944-1966
**Call No.:** ML31.C66
**Creator:** Colwell, Larry
**Extent:** 438 items
**Extent:** 8 containers
**Extent:** 4 linear feet
**Language:** Collection material in English
**Location:** Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
**LC Catalog record:** [https://lccn.loc.gov/2014572464](https://lccn.loc.gov/2014572464)

**Summary:** Larry Colwell (1901-1972) was a noted American art photographer, best-known for his dance subjects as well as his figure studies. This collection of photographs consists primarily of large-format contact prints and negatives. A selection of mounted photographs showing his technique of capturing dance movement on film are also included. Subjects include some of the most famous ballet artists of the 1940s and 1950s, affiliated with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo as well as George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein's Ballet Society (which became New York City Ballet). Other significant photographic subjects are Talley Beatty, John Cage, and Merce Cunningham. A small amount of professional papers are also included.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

**People**
- Barboza, Anthony, 1944-
- Boris, Ruthanna.
- Colwell, Larry.
- Franklin, Frederic, 1914-2013.
- Le Clercq, Tanaquil.
- Moylan, Mary Ellen.
- Rosay, Bettina, 1928-
- Tallchief, Maria.

**Organizations**
- Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.
- Ballet Society (New York, N.Y.)
- New York City Ballet.

**Subjects**
- Ballet dancers--Photographs.
- Ballet dancers.
- Ballet.
- Dance photography.
- Dance--Photographs.
- Dancers--Photographs.

**Form/Genre**
- Articles.
- Black-and-white-negatives.
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
Contact sheets.
Photographic prints.
Promotional materials.
Writings.

**Provenance**

Purchase; Anthony Barboza; 2011

**Custodial History**

Larry Colwell gave the items in the collection to Anthony Barboza, from whom the Library of Congress obtained the materials in 2011.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Processing History**

The Larry Colwell Dance Photographs collection was initially processed and a finding aid created by Elizabeth Aldrich in 2012. In 2017 Libby Smigel updated the finding aid, and in 2018 coded the finding aid for EAD format.

**Other Repositories**

Photographs by Larry Colwell are held in galleries, museums, and private collections as well as within many dance company archives. The Smithsonian Archive of American Art recorded an oral history interview with Anthony Barboza, which references Larry Colwell, a transcript of which is available online. [https://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/interviews/oral-history-interview-anthony-barboza-15752](https://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/interviews/oral-history-interview-anthony-barboza-15752)

**Related Material**

For the study of dance photography, the Library of Congress Music Division has the [Herta Moselsio Photographs of Martha Graham's Lamentation](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/moselsio.html), the [Judith Chazin-Bennahum Photograph Collection relating to Antony Tudor](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/chazin.html), the [George Zoritch Collection](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/zoritch.html), and the [Valeria Ladd Collection on the Revived Greek Dance](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/ladd.html). Also, extensive photograph series are available in many of the dance collections held in the Music Division. The Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress has dance photographs among the Arnold Genthe Collection, Carl Van Vechten Collection, and many others.

For collections related to ballet subjects, the Music Division has the American Ballet Theatre Archive, the [Serge Diaghilev / Serge Lifar Collection](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/diaghilev.html), the [Alexandra Danilova Collection](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/danilova.html), the [Serge Grigoriev / Ballets Russes Archive](https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalogs/grigoriev.html), and the Marilyn La Vine Collection on Rudolf Nureyev.

**Copyright Status**

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Access and Restrictions

The Larry Colwell Dance Photographs collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Music Division before visiting to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

Certain restrictions to use or copying of materials may apply.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Larry Colwell was born in Detroit, Michigan, on December 28, 1901, to naturalized Canadian parents; his birthname was Lavern or Laverne according to census records.

His interest in photography began around 1938. From 1939 to 1941, Colwell studied photography in Los Angeles at both the Art Center School and the Choinard School of Art. At his photography studio in New York City, he got his start in advertising and fashion photography, with his photographs appearing in major national magazines such as *Time*, *Life*, *Vogue*, *Aperture*, and others. In the 1950s, through the support of Minor White at *Aperture* magazine, Colwell became distinguished for his figure studies.

His dance photography began with dancers of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. In 1955, Colwell was given a one-artist exhibit of his dance photographs by the De Young Museum in San Francisco. Relocating to Monterey, California, in 1950, he was introduced to noteworthy photographers such as Ansel Adams, Wynn Bullock, Imogen Cunningham, and Ruth Bernhard. From 1964 to 1968, Colwell taught creative photography at the Jacksonville Art Museum, where Anthony Barboza (1944- ) was among his students. He was an instructor of photography at the Silvermine College of Art in New Canaan, Connecticut, until 1971.


Among the galleries and collections that have Colwell's work are the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; New Orleans Museum of Art; the Hallmark Photographic Collection in Kansas City, Missouri; the Jewish Museum in New York City; the University of New Mexico Art Museum; the George Eastman House in Rochester, New York; New York Public Library; the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas; and the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Scope and Content Note

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Organization of the Larry Colwell Dance Photographs

The Collection is organized in two series:

- Photographs, 1944-1956
- Professional Papers, 1946-1966
Description of Series

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BOX 1-8 | **Photographs, 1944-1956**

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Most of the contact sheets and negatives have a unique number assigned. The collection does not include corresponding negatives for the mounted photographs, many of which have markings that indicate they were part of an exhibit or commercial display.

Divided first by function (studio or publicity photos, rehearsal photos, art shots), then arranged alphabetically by name of dancer, company, or subject. When no date information is known, filmstrip numbers have been used to help substantiate an order. Unidentified and miscellaneous items are listed at the end of the series or subseries.

BOX 5-7 | **Professional Papers, 1946-1966**

Small amount of material related to Larry Colwell's career: writings (predominantly typed drafts describing techniques for photographing dance), clippings about Colwell and his work, promotional materials, and a biographical resume.

Materials are organized by format, and therein by date.
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Filmstrip 4-679 |
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Costumed in pancake tutu and crown with pillars backdrop for unidentified ballet  
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Marked "Ballet Russe" on verso  
Filmstrip 4-1059 |
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Costumed for unidentified ballet; one headshot  
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1 contact print; 1 negative  
Duo costumed for contemporary ballet  
Marked "Ballet Russe book" on verso  
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| BOX-FOLDER 5/10 | Unidentified dancers, undated  
1 contact print; 1 negative  
Costumed for unidentified ballet, likely Ballet Russe  
Filmstrip 4-1036 |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/11-12 | Unidentified dancers, undated  
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Duo costumed in period costume for unidentified ballet  
"Ballet Russe book" on verso  
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| BOX-FOLDER 5/13-14 | Unidentified dancer, undated  
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Costumed as rooster for unidentified ballet  
"NYC Ballet book" on verso  
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1 5x6.25 mounted photograph  
Candid shot during rehearsal in costume; unidentified ballet |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/2 | Balanchine, George, with Tanaquil Le Clercq, Nicholas Magallanes, and other dancers, undated  
1 5x6.25 mounted photograph  
Candid shot during rehearsal in costume; unidentified ballet |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/3 | Danilova, Alexandra, undated  
1 4x6 mounted photograph  
Danilova waatching rehearsal  
Worcester, Massachusetts |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/17 | Rehearsal contact sheets, undated  
2 contact sheets  
Unidentified ballet with circus setting  
No filmstrip number |
| BOX 5-8 | **Art photographs**, 1947-1956, undated  
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1 10x13 mounted photograph  
Location: San Francisco |
| BOX-FOLDER 7/9-10 | Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, unidentified ballets, 1947 and 1956  
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Location: San Francisco |
| BOX-FOLDER 7/1 | Johnson, Virginia, 1946  
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| BOX-FOLDER 8/1-3 | New York City Ballet, *Afternoon of a Faun*, circa 1956  
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3 different shots  
Choreographer: Jerome Robbins  
Location: War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/5 | New York City Ballet, *Con Amore*, undated  
1 10.5x13.5 mounted photograph  
Choreographer: Lew Christensen  
3 unidentified dancers |
| BOX-FOLDER 8/4-5 | New York City Ballet, *Fanfare*, circa 1953  
2 15.5x20 photographs, of which 1 is mounted  
3 different shots  
Choreographer: Jerome Robbins |
| BOX-FOLDER 8/6 | New York City Ballet, *The Seasons*, circa 1947  
1 10.5x13.5 mounted photograph  
Choreographer: Merce Cunningham |
| BOX-FOLDER 8/7 | New York City Ballet, *Serenade*, 1953  
1 10.5x13.5 mounted photograph  
Choreographer: George Balanchine |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/6, 8/8-9 | New York City Ballet, *Swan Lake* undated  
1 7.5x13.5 mounted photograph; 1 15.5x20 mounted photo and print |
| BOX-FOLDER 7/2 | Youskevitch, Igor, 1956  
1 10.5x13.5 mounted photograph  
Costumed for unidentified role with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo  
Location: San Francisco |
| BOX-FOLDER 8/10-13 | Dance photographs, unidentified, undated  
1 10.5x13.5 mounted photograph; 3 15.5x20 prints |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/18-19 | Figure studies, undated  
2 contact prints; 2 negatives  
Subjects: Unidentified dancer tying pointe shoe; dancer legs  
Filmstrip 7-1473 |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/20-21 | Still shots, undated  
1 contact print; 1 negative  
Subject: Pendant arranged with pointe shoes |
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| BOX 5-7   | **Professional Papers, 1946-1966**  
Small amount of material related to Larry Colwell's career: writings (predominantly typed drafts describing techniques for photographing dance), clippings about Colwell and his work, promotional materials, and a biographical resume.  
Materials are organized by format, and therein by date. |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/22 | Biographical Papers, undated  
2 copies  
Narrative resume |
14 items  
Domestic and international press related to Colwell's dance photography; one article is in Danish, and one publication is Italian |
6 items  
Flyers advertising a Talley Beatty dance concert, New York, and exhibits at the M. H. DeYoung Memorial Museum, Heliography Gallery in New York, and the University Gallery at the University of Florida, Gainesville |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/32-40 | Writings, 1956, undated  
10 items  
Includes one publication as well as drafts and annotated essays describing Larry Colwell's technique in photographing ballet and modern dance |