Collection Summary

Title: Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers

Span Dates: 1914-2007

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1932-1960)

Call No.: ML31.M2132

Creator: Manings, Muriel, 1923-2018

Creator: Korff, William, 1920-2001

Extent: 1,088 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.5 linear feet

Extent: 50 digital files (71.19 MB)

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2014572405

Summary: Performer and teacher Muriel Manings and her husband William Korff, a performer, dance historian, and writer, compiled a substantial collection of materials that highlight activities of the New Dance Group, with particular emphasis on the dance trio of members William Bales, Jane Dudley, and Sophie Maslow. Manings's acumen as a teacher of modern dance earned her two engagements to teach in Cuba, both of which are documented in personal journals. Her leadership with the American Dance Guild and the ADG-sponsored gala celebrating the New Dance Group is also well documented in this collection.

Online Content: A photograph of a New Dance Group collaborative dance titled Van der Lubbe's Head from the Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers is available as part of the "Politics and the Dancing Body" online exhibit, available on the Library of Congress website here.

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
Burdsall, Lorna.
Dudley, Jane.
Guerra, Ramiro.
Korff, William--Archives.
Korff, William.
Manings, Muriel--Archives.
Manings, Muriel--Correspondence.
Manings, Muriel.
Maslow, Sophie.
Primus, Pearl.

Organizations
American Dance Guild.
American Dance Legacy Institute.
Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.
Buck's Rock Performing and Creative Arts Camp.
Conjunto Nacional de Danza Moderna de Cuba.
New Dance Group (New York, N.Y.)

Subjects
Dance--Photographs.
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Dancers--United States--Biography.
Dancers--United States--Correspondence.
Modern dance--20th century--History.
Modern dance--Cuba--History.
Modern dance--United States--History.

**Titles**
*This property is condemned (Choreographic work : Manings)*

**Form/Genre**
Articles.
Biographies.
Business correspondence.
Clippings (Information artifacts)
Dance programs.
Diaries.
Files (Digital files)
Fliers (Ephemera)
Personal correspondence.
Photographs.
Publications.
Theater programs.
Writings.

**Provenance**
Gift; Muriel Manings; 2009

**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected.

**Processing History**
The Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers were accessioned and organized by Elizabeth Aldrich in 2009. In winter 2018-2019, the collection underwent final processing by Libby Smigel, who also coded the finding aid for EAD format in May 2019. Maya Lerman updated the finding aid to include digital files in 2023.

**Related Material**
The Library of Congress Music Division holds several collections with resources and documentation related to Muriel Manings and William Korff. Most notably, the [New Dance Group Collection](#), of which both were members, is an extensive record of their performance work. Other relevant collections are the [Sophie Maslow Papers](#), [Jane Dudley Papers](#), and [Victoria Phillips Collection](#).

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Digital files were received as part of the Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers and have been assigned the digital ID number Manings-Korff_001. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files. Access to this digital content may be available onsite only in the Performing Arts Reading Room and requires advance request. Consult reference staff in the Performing Arts Reading Room for more information.

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Technical Requirements

The digital files in this collection are .jpg format.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Muriel Manings (1923-2018) received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Brooklyn College in 1945. Her dance training began in the 1940s with the New Dance Group, and she also trained at the Martha Graham School and the Hanya Holm Studio. She performed with the dance companies of Jane Dudley, Sophie Maslow, and William Bales and the New Dance Group during the 1940s to 1960s, and of the twenty-plus dance pieces she choreographed, many were for herself and husband William Korff. In the 1951 season of the New York City Opera Company, Manings danced in The Dybbuk, and in 1954, she appeared as one of the Kids in the Broadway production of Sandhog, both choreographed by Maslow. She was artistic director of the Repertory Dancers of New Jersey (1969-1971) and the Muriel Manings Dance Company (1968-1972), as well as a guest choreographer and teacher at the Escuela de Artes y Conjunto Moderno in Cuba. In the late 1980s, Manings performed with Dance Theatre Etcetera (DTE), a community-based performance company located in Brooklyn. Considered a master teacher, Manings taught at the New Dance Group Studio, American Dance Festival, Connecticut College, Buck's Rock Work Camp, and the 92nd Street Y. For many years she was the dance coordinator at Queensborough Community College, CUNY. Manings served on the board of the New Dance Group, was a president of the New York State Dance Association, and served as northeast coordinator for the American College Dance Festival Association. Manings was president of the American Dance Guild from 1992 to 1996. Her essays can be found in Dance Magazine, American Dance, and Choreography and Dance. She also contributed articles to the International Encyclopedia of Dance. Below is a list of her choreography:

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William Korff (1920-2001) grew up during the Great Depression. After his mother was institutionalized and his father became unemployed, William and his brother were sent to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Manhattan. Korff studied theater at the Theater for Action and the New School for Social Research. He was a founding member of New Drama, one of the first racially integrated theaters producing political work. He worked in a variety of capacities in theater: actor, director, teacher, and costume and scenic designer. Korff studied dance at the New Dance Group Studio and performed professionally on and off Broadway and in the dance companies of Sophie Maslow and Jean Erdman. He met Muriel Manings at the New Dance Group; they were married in 1950.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in the Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers are primarily documents that highlight the New Dance Group and the artists of the NDG, Muriel Manings's choreography and teaching, and significant artists and artistic movements of the 1940s to 1960s. Particularly strong are materials related to the dance trio of New Dance Group members William Bales, Jane Dudley, and Sophie Maslow, including programs and correspondence. Muriel Manings's life, teaching, choreography, and performances are also documented; unique to her history are journals and correspondence related to her two teaching trips to Cuba in 1970 and 1984. The collection is divided into six series: Professional Papers; Correspondence; Photographs; Programs, Playbills, and Flyers; Printed Matter; and Subject Files.

The series Professional Papers collects documentation of Muriel Manings's career in dance. The materials are not exhaustive, but together provide an overview of her activities in performance, choreography, and teaching in many venues. Of special value are two journals, one for each of her engagements to teach modern dance in Cuba, and the two publications that emerged afterward for each of those trips. Additional evidence of Manings's professional activity can be found in the Correspondence, Photographs, and Programs series.

The Correspondence series includes personal and professional communications in the papers of Muriel Manings and William Korff. As many of their professional associations developed into personal relationships, and vice versa, the correspondence often offers personal and professional content within the same communiqué. Because Manings made core contributions to many dance-related service organizations and centers, some of the letters include information about the New Dance Group, the American Dance Guild, or other organizations and events. The letters from Manings to her family
while she was traveling for teaching or performances provide significant insight into her personality and relationships as well as her career. Particularly interesting are letters sent while teaching summers during the American Dance Festival at Connecticut College, her stint in Montreal, and the two teaching engagements in Cuba.

The **Photographs** series primarily contains photographs and prints of ballet and modern dance choreography, artists, and dance companies. The subjects of the photos are most frequently artists or dance pieces associated with the members of the New Dance Group or Muriel Manings's choreography or teaching. A small number of photos depict important ballet works created in the 1930s and 1940s. Two Antony Tudor works, *Pillar of Fire* and *Undertow*, are represented. The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo company is represented both by studio portraits of its dancers as well as photographs of a fully costumed ensemble. Two works choreographed by Martha Graham are present: *Appalachian Spring* and *Herodiade*. From her teaching engagements in Cuba, Muriel Manings became familiar with the Conjunto Nacional de Danza Moderna de Cuba, from which she acquired photographs of dances of different Latino choreographers. A small number of other photographs chiefly unrelated to choreography depict individuals and groups of people or teaching.

The series **Programs, Playbills, and Flyers** provides documentation of professional performances, namely for New Dance Group and the Dudley-Maslow-Bales Trio. Also represented are galas and benefit performances, programs of multiple artists and companies, several early Chanukah Festivals, the New York City Dance Theatre, Broadway, the New York City Opera Company, and events such as conferences or symposia. Programs are included for Muriel Manings or William Korff lecture-demonstrations, college-sponsored student concerts and workshops, and training programs for young people. Flyers advertising the programming are amongst the materials.

The **Printed Matter** series contains publications related to Muriel Manings, William Korff, New Dance Group and associated artists, and other performing arts events or individuals. The Clippings subseries encompasses reviews, features, and other writings in magazines or newspapers contemporaneous to the individual or dance-related activities. Longer, more formal essays, research, and newsletters are assembled in the Articles subseries.

The **Subject Files** series contains information Manings gathered or retained on specific subjects or names, both individuals and organizations. Of particular interest is the group of articles written by and about Pearl Primus and the set of records regarding the American Dance Guild's preparations for the New Dance Group gala. The Jane Dudley subject file includes production elements related to her dance *Proverbs*, to which William Korff contributed design expertise.

### Organization of the Muriel Manings and William Korff Papers

The Collection is organized in six series:

- **Professional Papers, 1951-2007**
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Photocopied excerpt, 2 p.  
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| **BOX-FOLDER 6/2** | Connecticut College School of Dance, 1967-1968  
2 letters  
*Note:* Workshop for teens |
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1 letter  
*Note:* Thank-you to American Dance Guild |
30 letters, cards, envelopes  
*Note:* Topics include New Dance Group gala, Dudley's London engagement |
| **BOX-FOLDER 6/8** | Gentry, Eve, circa 1992-1993  
2 letters and enclosure  
*Note:* Includes information on Gentry's *Tenant of the Street* |
| **BOX-FOLDER 6/9** | Johns, Bud, 1998  
1 letter  
*Note:* Refers to wife, dancer Judith Spector, and NDG artist Mary Anthony |
| **BOX-FOLDER 6/10** | Manings, Muriel, to William Korff, [1949]  
4 letters, 1 card  
*Note:* Card identifies undated items as 1949 correspondence from Manings to Korff while in Montreal, Canada |
## Correspondence, 1949-1999

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1 telegram, 1 card  
*Note:* Congratulations on *Sandhog* |
11 letters, 3 undated excerpts  
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24 items  
*Note:* Regarding New Dance Group gala |
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1 letter  
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| BOX-FOLDER 6/18 | Mullin, Hilda, 1997  
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*Note:* Award letter to American Dance Guild for New Dance Group gala videorecording project |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/21 | O'Hara, Shane, circa 1993  
1 letter  
*Note:* Participation in New Dance Group gala |
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4 letters  
*Note:* Workshops of Repertory Dancers, led by Muriel Manings |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/23 | Tobey, Alton S., 1958  
1 photocopied letter, 1 p. |

## Photographs, 1914-1993

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### Dance Works, 1914, 1935, 1944-1948

Arranged alphabetically by title.

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Dancers: Lisan Kay, Yeichi Nimura  
1 photograph  
Photographer: E. O. Hoppé  
Choreographer and dancer: Ruth St. Denis |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/22 | Passacaglia, 1938  
4 photographs  
Photographer: Barbara Morgan  
Choreographer: Doris Humphrey |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/23 | Pillar of fire, circa 1942-1945  
1 photograph  
Photographer: unknown  
Choreographer: Antony Tudor  
Dancers: Hugh Laing, Nora Kaye |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/24 | Prologue, circa 1959  
3 prints  
Photographer: unknown  
Choreographer: Sophie Maslow  
Dancers: Beatrice Seckler, Mark Ryder, Sheldon Ossonsky, Billie Kirpich, Muriel Manings, Miriam Pandor, David Gordon |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/25 | Rodeo, circa 1942  
1 black-and-white photograph  
Photographer: unknown  
Dancers: Dorothy Etheridge, Pauline Goddard, Nicolas Magallanes  
Choreographer: Agnes de Mille for Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/26 | Sandhog, 1954  
1 black-and-white photograph; 2 prints on single page  
Photographer: Fred Fehl  
Dancers/Actors: Jack Cassidy, Muriel Manings, Yuriko, Douglas Collins, Eliot Feld, Betty Ageloff, David Winter  
Choreographer: Sophie Maslow |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/27 | Seasons, undated  
3 black-and-white photographs  
Photographer: Harold G. Morse, Plainfield, New Jersey  
Dancers: unidentified  
Choreographer: Muriel Manings |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/28 | Seventh symphony, circa 1938  
1 black-and-white photograph  
Photographer: Gordon Anthony  
Dancer: Nini Theilade  
Choreographer: Leonide Massine for Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/29 | Spanish suite [?], 1944  
1 proof  
Photographer: Gerda Peterich  
Dancers: Jane Dudley, Sophie Maslow, William Bales  
Choreographer: unknown |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/30 | Spear episode [?], circa 1930s  
1 photograph  
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2 black-and-white photographs  
Photographer: unknown  
Dancers: Eduardo Rivero, Luz Ma Collazo  
Choreographer: Ramiro Guerra |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/32 | Swing your lady, 1944?  
1 black-and-white photograph  
Photographer: Barbara Morgan  
Choreographer and dancer: Jane Dudley |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/33 | Sword ritual, circa 1930s  
2 photographs  
Photographer: unknown  
Dancer: Yeichi Nimura in one photo; Lisan Kay [Nimura] in the other |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/34 | This property is condemned, circa 1952  
1 original photograph; 3 prints  
Photographer: Nat Jaffee, Brooklyn  
Dancers: Muriel Manings, William Korff |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/35 | Tierra, undated  
1 black-and-white photograph  
Photographer: unknown  
Choreographer: Elena Noriega  
Dancers: Eduardo Rivero, Pablo Trujillo |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/36-39 | Trend, circa 1938  
6 photographs  
Photographer: Barbara Morgan  
Choreographer: Hanya Holm  
Dancers: Hanya Holm and others |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/40 | Undertow, circa 1945  
1 photograph  
Photographer: unknown  
Choreographer: Antony Tudor  
Dancers: Hugh Laing, Nana Gollner |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/41 | Van der Lubbe's head, 1934  
3 photographs  
Photographer: Alfredo Valente  
Choreographer: Miriam Blecher and/or New Dance Group |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/42-43 | The village I knew, undated  
2 prints of multiple images  
Photographer: Arnold Eagle, and unknown  
Choreographer: Sophie Maslow  
Dancers: Muriel Manings, and unidentified |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/44 | War trilogy, undated  
2 photographs  
Photographer: Alfredo Valente  
Choreographer: New Dance Group collective  
Note: "On the barricades" section |
| BOX-FOLDER 1/45 | Winding sheet, [1969]  
5 photographs |
Photographer: Sonia Stark Rothstein, Teaneck, New Jersey; and unknown
Choreographer: Muriel Manings

Other, 1930s-1993

Arranged alphabetically by name

People, 1930-1988

BOX-FOLDER 1/46
Boris, Ruthanna, with Leon Danielian, undated
2 black-and-white photographs
Photographer: unknown
Note: Costumed for 2 unidentified ballets of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

BOX-FOLDER 1/47
Danielian, Leon, with Alexandra Danilova, undated
1 black-and-white headshot
Photographer: Maurice Seymour, Chicago
Note: Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

BOX-FOLDER 1/48
Danilova, Alexandra, undated
1 black-and-white photograph
Photographer: Maurice Seymour
Note: Costumed for an unidentified ballet of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

BOX-FOLDER 1/49
Danilova, Alexandra, with Frederic Franklin, undated
3 black-and-white photographs
Photographers: Maurice Seymour, and unknown
Note: Costumed for 2 unidentified ballets of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo; third photo outdoors

BOX-FOLDER 1/50
Krassovska, Natalie, undated
1 black-and-white headshot
Photographer: unknown
Note: Headdress for an unidentified ballet of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

BOX-FOLDER 1/51
Lazowski, Yurek, undated
1 black-and-white photograph
Photographer: unknown
Note: Costumed for an unidentified ballet of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

BOX-FOLDER 1/52-53
Manings, Muriel, 1950s-1970s, and undated
17 prints; 2 black-and-white photographs
Photographer: unknown
Note: Headshots and midshots, production photos, teaching, business group

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Manings, Muriel, 1950s-1970s, and undated
Digital ID: Manings-Korff_001
46 digital files
Photographers: unknown
Note: Headshots and midshots, production photos, teaching

BOX-FOLDER 1/54-55
Maslow, Sophie, 1930?, 1988?
3 headshots; 1 negative
Photographers: Lisa Cohen, Watertown, Massachusetts, and unknown

BOX-FOLDER 1/56
Primus, Pearl, undated
4 photographs
Photographer: Ingrid Estrada, and unknown

BOX-FOLDER 1/57-61
Shankar and his Hindu Ballet, undated
5 photographs
Photographs, 1914-1993

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BOX 2-3

Programs, Playbills, and Flyers, 1932-2006

Promotional materials that document professional performances, mostly those by New Dance Group and the Dudley-Maslow-Bales Trio. Arranged alphabetically by name of event, performance group, or performer, and then by date therein.

| BOX-FOLDER 2/1 | American Dance Festival, 1948-1953, 1969                                 |
|                | 12 programs, 1 flyer                                                      |
|                | Note: Includes summer festivals held at Connecticut College and 1948 performances in New York City to benefit future festivals |
| BOX-FOLDER 2/2 | American Dance Guild conference and performance, 1996                   |
|                | 2 programs, 1 brochure, 3 flyers                                           |
| BOX-FOLDER 2/3 | American Dance Legacy Institute, 2005                                    |
|                | 3 programs                                                                |
| BOX-FOLDER 2/4-5 | Benefits and galas, 1942-1949, [1961?], 1968                           |
|                 | 6 programs                                                                |
Note: For benefit of the Bronx Division of Greater New York Committee for Russian Relief, Russian War Relief, Henry George School of Social Science, the Dance Observer magazine, and the Woodward School Scholarship Fund

BOX-FOLDER 2/6  Buck's Rock Camp, 1958-1965
  10 items

BOX-FOLDER 2/7-9  Chanukah Festivals for Israel, 1956-1962
  1 flyer, 3 programs

BOX-FOLDER 2/10  Congress on Research in Dance, 1993
  1 program
  Note: Joint conference titled Of, by, and for the people

  8 items
  Note: Louis Horst is credited with introducing 1952 student performances

BOX-FOLDER 2/13  Cunningham, James, with others, 1998-1999
  2 postcards, 2 programs
  Note: Performances with Jane Comfort, Tina Croll, and documentary performance of From the horse's mouth with other artists

BOX-FOLDER 2/14  Dudley-Maslow, 1938
  1 program

BOX-FOLDER 2/15-26  Dudley-Maslow-Bales Trio, 1940s-1953, and undated
  43 items

  3 flyers, 2 programs

BOX-FOLDER 2/28  Little Orchestra Society, 1955
  3 programs
  Note: Performances of L'enfant et les sortileges [The bewitched child], with Manings' choreography

BOX-FOLDER 2/29  Marie Marchowsky and Company, 1948
  1 flyer, 1 program
  Note: Premiere of Antigone and Odyssey at Cort Theatre

BOX-FOLDER 2/30  Martha Bowers Dance/Theatre/Etc, 1987
  1 program
  Performance at The Field

BOX-FOLDER 2/31  Mary Anthony Dance Theatre, 1996-1998
  2 programs

BOX-FOLDER 2/32  Muriel Manings and Nina Caiserman, 1953
  1 program
  Note: Joint program including William Korff, sponsored by Jewish Public Library, Montreal

BOX-FOLDER 2/33  Muriel Manings and William Korff, undated
  1 brochure
  Note: Brochure for classes

  3 items

BOX-FOLDER 2/35  National Dance Teachers Guild, Queens Chapter, 1963
  1 program

  1 flyer
  Note: Program including New Dance Group
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| BOX-FOLDER 3/30 | New York City Opera Company, 1951 1 excerpt  
*Note:* Opera of The Dybbuk, choreographed by Sophie Maslow |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/31-34 | Queensborough Community College, 1972-1990 56 items  
*Note:* Includes Spring Dance Concerts, dance event calendars, dance workshops, QCC Celebrate Dance festival |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/39 | Sandhog, 1954 2 programs  
*Note:* Phoenix Theatre, choreographed by Sophie Maslow with Muriel Manings among cast |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/40 | Stage for Dancers, 1952 1 program  
*Note:* Fred Berk program with multiple artists |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/41 | The Drama Lab, 1951 2 flyers  
*Note:* Youth educational programs directed by Muriel Manings, with William Korff among faculty |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/42 | United Jewish People's Order [U.J.P.O.], 1949 1 program, 1 flyer  
*Note:* Montreal |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/43 | YMHA, 1941-1944 3 programs  
*Note:* Includes Valerie Bettis, Pearl Primus, and others |
| BOX-FOLDER 3/44 | Miscellany, 1989-1990, and undated 7 items  
*Note:* Teaching schedules, concerts |

**BOX 5**  
**Printed Matter, 1935-2006**

Clippings, reviews, articles, essays, research materials, newsletters, and other publications related to Muriel Manings, William Korff, New Dance Group and associated artists, and other performing arts events or individuals. 

Arranged as two subseries: Clippings and Articles. Clippings are generally arranged chronologically by decade. Where a specific performing arts group or event is of major significance to this collection, such as the Sandhog production or the New Dance Group gala, these can be found within the folders of their respective decades. Articles are organized alphabetically by author's last name, or, in a few instances, by title of the publication if that issue includes multiple relevant articles.
## Printed Matter, 1935-2006

**Clippings, 1935-2006**

242 items

Newspaper and magazine clippings, some from original sources and a few are reprints of earlier publications. Especially plentiful are reviews of New Dance Group performances and the Dudley-Maslow-Bales Trio.

| BOX-FOLDER 5/1 | 1930s |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/2-4 | 1940s |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/5-8 | 1950s |
  *Note:* Includes Sandhog and 1956 Chanukah Festival
| BOX-FOLDER 5/9-10 | 1960s |
  *Note:* Includes earliest coverage of Repertory Dancers of New Jersey
| BOX-FOLDER 5/11-13 | 1970s |
  *Note:* Includes Repertory Dancers of New Jersey
| BOX-FOLDER 5/14-15 | 1980s |
  *Note:* Includes Martha Bowers company
| BOX-FOLDER 5/16-18 | 1990s |
  *Note:* Includes New Dance Group gala
| BOX-FOLDER 5/19 | 2000s |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/20 | Undated |

**Articles, 1942-1995**

| 3 issues |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/22 | Banes, Sally, |
  *"Red shoes: The Workers' Dance League of the 1930s,"* 1984 |
  1 article |
  *Note:* Published in *The Village Voice* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/23 | Fisher, Jennifer, |
  *"History in motion,"* 1993 |
  Full issue |
  *Note:* Published in *Dance International* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/24 | Gottlieb, Beatrice, |
  *"Making of an institution,"* [1952] |
  Excerpt, 1 p. |
  *Note:* Published in *Theatre Arts Magazine* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/25 | Manor, Giora, |
  *"Brother, can you spare a dance? Dances red, pink & naive in America in the thirties,"* 1985 |
  Photocopied manuscript, 42 p. |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/26 | Maskey, Jacqueline, |
  *"The group,"* 1965 |
  Reprint, 2 copies; excerpt |
  *Note:* Published in *Dance Magazine* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/27 | Maximovna, Elena, |
  *"Second generation modern,"* 1942 |
  1 article |
  *Note:* Published in *Dance Magazine* |
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7 articles, 16 p.  
*Note:* Section on dance for social change published in *The Village Voice* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/29 | Newhall, Mary Anne,  
"Strange heroes: The role of the New Dance Group in American political dance," 1995  
Photocopied manuscript, 39 p.; annotated excerpt, 5 p.  
*Note:* Draft copy; no illustrations |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/30 | Prickett, Stacey,  
"From Workers' Dance to New Dance," 1989  
1 article  
*Note:* Published in *Dance Research* |
| BOX-FOLDER 5/31 | Siegel, Marcia B.,  
"The people spoke," 1993  
1 article  
*Note:* Published in *The Hudson Review* |

### Subject Files, 1932-2006

Topical files assembled by Manings on specific subjects, names, or organizations.  
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*Note:* Includes proposals for New Dance Group gala and recordings |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/26 | American Dance Legacy Institute, 1993-2006, and undated  
25 items |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/27 | Anthony, Mary, 1997, and undated  
6 items |
14 items  
*Note:* Includes detailed plans and designs for her choreography titled *Proverbs* |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/30 | Hadassah, 1995, and undated  
2 items |
6 items |
| BOX-FOLDER 6/32 | Merry-Go-Rounders, circa 1970  
1 item  
*Note:* Participants list by year |
8 items |
46 items  
*Note:* Governance, personnel lists, gala publicity and other New Dance Group records |
14 items  
*Note:* Writings by and about Primus |