Collection Summary

Title: Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton

Inclusive Dates: 1903-2007
Bulk Dates: 1967-1990
Call No.: ML31.W365
Creator: Warren, Larry, 1932-2009
Extent: approximately 4,550 items
Extent: 15 containers
Extent: 9 linear feet
Language: Collection material primarily in English, but it also includes significant printed material in Spanish and Hebrew.
Location: Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2014572418

Summary: This collection documents the research conducted by dancer, choreographer, and educator Larry Warren (1932-2009) while writing his biographies Lester Horton: Modern Dance Pioneer (1977) and Anna Sokolow: The Rebellious Spirit (1991). The clippings, correspondence, dance notation, interviews, notes, photographs, programs, scrapbooks, and writings collected or created by Warren reveal his process in capturing the lives of two major figures in twentieth-century modern dance and have the potential to shed new light on the lives and careers of these artists. The bulk of the collection is devoted to Warren's research on Sokolow, but there is also significant documentation on the movement technique Horton created and taught.

Acquisition Information

Purchase, Larry Warren, 1996
Gift, Anne Warren, 2011

Accruals

Further accruals are possible.

Processing History

Elizabeth Aldrich initially processed the Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton in 2011. In 2019, K. Mitchell Snow further identified and reorganized the photographs. In February 2021, Morgen Stevens-Garmon reprocessed the collection and encoded the finding aid.

Transfers

Fifty-six audiocassettes from the Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton have been transferred to the Library of Congress Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, where they are identified as part of the Larry Warren Collection (MAVIS collection no. 14522). An inventory of these recordings is included as an appendix to this finding aid.

Other Repositories

The Larry Warren papers can be found in the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library at the University of Maryland, College Park.
Related Material

The Martha Graham Collection documents Anna Sokolow's early work with the Martha Graham Dance Company and the Alex North Music for Documentary Film, Theater, Dance, and Concert contains scores of Sokolow's collaborations with the composer.

More information on Lester Horton's life and career is discoverable in the Lester Horton Dance Theater Collection, which also includes correspondence from Larry Warren.

Copyright Status

Materials from the Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton are governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.) and other applicable international copyright laws.

Access and Restrictions

The Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Music Division prior to visiting in order 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 Warren

Born in Brooklyn in 1932, Larry Warren grew up in the Los Angeles area where he studied dance with Karoun Tootikan and with Ruth St. Denis at her studio. Warren performed with the Concert Dance Group out of the St. Denis Studio and graduated in 1955 from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a degree in theater arts. After graduation, Warren continued training with St. Denis, as well as Bella Lewitzky and James Truitte. Warren also studied for a time in New York at the Martha Graham School and under ballet master Benjamin Harkarvy. He returned to UCLA for graduate work and completed his master's thesis on Lester Horton. This thesis became the seed of Warren's first book, Lester Horton: Modern Dance Pioneer (1977). A second edition of the book was published in 1991.

In 1971, Warren joined the faculty of the University of Maryland, College Park, and later that year assisted Dorothy Madden in founding the Maryland Dance Theater. Warren choreographed for Maryland Dance Theater, serving as associate director and later as director until 1988 when the company disbanded. Warren's second biography, Anna Sokolow: The Rebellious Spirit, was first published in 1991 and revised for a second edition in 1998. For the book, Warren was given a De la Torre Bueno special citation award from the Dance Perspectives Foundation. He retired from the University of Maryland in 1995, but continued to serve as Professor Emeritus of Dance. Warren's contributions to dance and dance study were recognized with an award from the Metropolitan Dance Association in 1982, and in 1986, he was the co-recipient with his wife, Anne Warren, of the Maryland Council for Dance's Outstanding Service to Dance in Maryland award. In 2001, he was presented with the Pola Nirenska Lifetime Achievement Award in Dance from the Washington Performing Arts Society. Warren died on December 9, 2009.

Biographical Note - Anna Sokolow

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<td>Anna Sokolow born to Samuel and Sarah Sokolow in Hartford, Connecticut</td>
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Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton
1925-1930 Studied at the Neighborhood Playhouse (New York, New York) with Blanche Talmud, Bird Larson, Martha Graham, and Louis Horst
1930-1938 Performed with Martha Graham’s dance company, appeared in Graham’s *Primitive Mysteries* Served as Horst's assistant in Neighborhood Playhouse choreography classes
1933 Formed dance company and premiered *Anti-War Cycle*, first collaboration with composer Alex North
1935 *Strange American Funeral* performed by Sokolow's company, Dance Unit
1938-1939 Studied ballet with Margaret Curtis at the Metropolitan Opera Ballet School
1939 *The Exile*, a solo piece, debuted with Dance Unit's first program of the year Traveled to Mexico with a company of twelve dancers
1940 Choreographed *Don Lindo de Almería* and *Renacuajo paseador* for La Paloma Azul dance company in Mexico City
1945 Created and performed *Kaddish* and *Mexican Retablo* at the 92nd Street Y, New York City
1951 *The Dybbuk* premiered at the Studio Theatre, New York City
1952 *A Short Lecture Demonstration on the Evolution of Tiger Rag Presented by Jelly Roll Morton* first performed, retitled later replacing "Tiger Rag" with "Ragtime"
1953 Traveled to Israel and worked with dancer-choreographer Sara Levi-Tanai and the Inbal Yemenite Dance Group Assisted director Elia Kazan with original Broadway production of Tennessee Williams's *Camino Real*
1954 *Lyric Suite* and *L'Histoire du Soldat* premiered at the 92nd Street Y
1955 First performance of *Rooms*, inspired by work teaching movement at the Actor’s Studio
1956 *Poem* premiered at Brooklyn Academy of Music
1958-1965 Created several dance pieces with similar movement vocabulary as *Opus* series
1961 *Dreams* first performed at Herbert Berghof Studio, New York City
1962-1964 Founded and choreographed for the Lyric Theatre, a dance company in Israel
1964-1966 Created *Question*, *Ballade*, *Odes*, and *Night* for the Juilliard Dance Ensemble
1966 Received her first Senior Fulbright scholarship to Japan, additional Fulbright awarded in 1975
1967 Used grant from National Council on the Arts to create *Déserts And the Disciples Departed* choreographed for television to commemorate Good Friday
1968 Choreographed *Steps of Silence* for the Repertory Dance Theatre, Salt Lake City, Utah
1970 *Magritte, Magritte* and *Act Without Words No. 1* premiered
1975 Choreographed *Moods* for the Contemporary Dance System
1976 *Ellis Island* created for the Juilliard Dance Ensemble
1979 *Asi es la vida en México* performed by Juilliard Dance Ensemble
1980 *For Langston* [Hughes] choreographed for the Rod Rodgers Dance Company
1984 *Homage to David Alfaro Siqueiros* premiered in Mexico City
1988 Given the Order of the Aztec Eagle, the highest civilian honor awarded in Mexico to a foreigner
1991 Received the Samuel E. Scripps American Dance Festival Award for Lifetime Achievement in Choreography
1998 Inducted into the National Museum of Dance Hall of Fame
2000 March 29 Died in New York City, New York

**Biographical Note - Lester Horton**

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<td>circa 1923</td>
<td>Began formal study of dance with Theo Hewes in Indianapolis, Indiana</td>
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<td>circa 1925</td>
<td>Studied with Adolph Bolm and at the Pavley-Ourainsky School in Chicago, Illinois</td>
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<td>1927-1928</td>
<td>Developed <em>The Song of Hiawatha</em> with Clara Bates performed at the Little Theatre, Indianapolis</td>
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1929 Moved to Los Angeles, California
Published article titled "American Indian Dancing" in American Dancer magazine
Performed with Michio Itō's company
1934 Founded Lester Horton Dancers based in Los Angeles
Created first of several iterations of the Salome dance work
1936 First performance of Flight from Reality, Figueroa Playhouse, Los Angeles
1937 Le sacre du printemps first performed at the Hollywood Bowl
1939 Something to Please Everybody premiered at Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles
1946 Formed Dance Theater with William Bowne, Bella Lewitzky, and Newell Reynolds
1947 First performance of Barrel House, Philharmonic Auditorium
1948 Dance Theater opened permanent performance space with studio classrooms at 7566 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles
First performances given in new space, program consisted of The Beloved, Totem Incantation, and a revision of Salome
1949 Warsaw Ghetto, The Park, and A Touch of Klee and Delightful 2 premiered on the same evening at the Dance Theater
1950 Estilo de Tu premiered, featured Lewitzky solo "Soldadera"
Choreographed Brown County, Indiana
Bowne-Lewitzky-Reynolds partnership dissolved, Horton continued the company with business manager Frank Eng
1951 Another Touch of Klee premiered at the Dance Theater
1952 Liberian Suite first performed as part of Choreo '52 at the Dance Theater, music by Duke Ellington
Prado de pena, based on the play Yerma by Frederico Garcia Lorca, premiered at the Dance Theater
1953 November 2 Lester Horton died at his home in Hollywood, California

Scope and Content Note

The Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton collects the research Warren conducted while writing biographies on the two major choreographers. Dates for the collection span from 1903, the earliest photographs of the Sokolow family, through 2007, indicating that Warren continued to collect material even after his books were published. The bulk of the material spans 1967 to 1990, the height of Warren's research for both books. Materials include clippings, correspondence, drafts, notes, personal papers, photographs, printed material, programs, scrapbooks, and writings. Most of the collection is in English, but the Sokolow series includes significant printed material in Spanish and Hebrew, as well as clippings in Dutch, German, Japanese, Polish, Russian, and Swedish.

Anna Sokolow: The Rebellious Spirit was first published in 1991. The Anna Sokolow series collects Warren's extensive research for this biography into five subseries: Chronological Files, Correspondence, Interviews, Photographs, and Subject Files. The clippings, correspondence, photographs, programs, and writings organized here primarily document Sokolow's life and career, but the series also contains material directly related to the publication, publicity, and subsequent edition of Rebellious Spirit.

Warren's collected research on Lester Horton comprises the second series. Warren wrote his graduate thesis on Horton and credits dance critic John Martin for encouraging him to turn the work into a full-length biography. Lester Horton: Modern Dance Pioneer was first published in 1977, with a second edition published in 1991. The series includes clippings, dance notation, letters, notes, photographs, programs, writings by Horton, and significant documentation on Horton's dance technique. It is divided into three subseries: Correspondence, Photographs, and Subject Files.

The final series, Larry Warren Papers, consists of only one small file that contains clippings, correspondence, notes, and collected ephemera.
Organization of the Larry Warren Collection on Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton

The collection is arranged in three series:
- Anna Sokolow, 1903-2003
- Lester Horton, 1906-2007

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
- Aguirre, Ignacio, 1900-1990.
- Bank, Rose.
- Ben-Israel, Ron.
- Cohen, Ze'eva Constantine, 1913-1982.
- Cook, Ray, 1934-
- De Mille, Agnes--Correspondence.
- Duncan, Jeff, 1930-1989.
- Effron, Edward.
- Eng, Frank--Correspondence.
- Gluck, Rena.
- Gudde, Lynda.
- Harrison, Lou, 1917-2003--Correspondence.
- Hill, Martha, 1900-1995.
- Kraus, Gertrud, 1901-1977.
- Lewitzky, Bella.
- Lober, David.
- Martin, Don, 1931-
- Maslow, Sophie.
- May, Jim, 1944-
- May, Lorry.
- Mishori, Nathan.
- Nathan, Vivian.
- North, Alex.
- Pischl, A. J.
- Robbins, Jerome.
- Schönberg, Bessie.
- Shaham, Rina.
- Shurr, Gertrude.
- Sokolow, Anna.
- Takei, Kei.
- Talbot-Martin, Elizabeth.
- Truitte, James.
- Walberg, Betty, 1921-1990.
Zall, Deborah.

Subjects
Choreographers--United States--Biography.
Dance criticism--United States.
Dance teachers--United States.
Dancers--United States--Biography.
Modern dance--United States--History.
Women choreographers--United States--Biography.
Women dancers--United States--Biography.

Titles
Act without words no. 1 (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
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Prado de pena (Choreographic work : Horton)
Primitive mysteries (Choreographic work : Graham)
Question (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
Renacuajo paseador (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
Rite of spring (Choreographic work : Horton)
Rooms (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
Salome (Choreographic work : Horton)
Short lecture and demonstration on the evolution of ragtime as presented by Jelly Roll Morton (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
Steps of silence (Choreographic work : Sokolow)
Strange American funeral (Choreographic work : Sokolow)

Form/Genre
Biographies.
Business correspondence.
Clippings (Information artifacts)
Dance notation.
Ephemera.
Interviews.

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Personal correspondence.
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| BOX 5-6   | **Interviews, 1967-1990** |
|           | Warren conducted several interviews with Sokolow and those associated with her life and career. This subseries collects Warren's notes or transcripts from interviews with 40 different individuals, including dancers, composers, family members, photographers, and others who collaborated with, studied, or admired Sokolow. Arranged alphabetically by interviewee, preceded by an index. |

| BOX 6-7   | **Photographs, circa 1903-1986** |
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| BOX 8-12, 14-15 | **Subject Files, 1930-2000** |
|                 | This subseries further documents Sokolow's life and career, but also includes several folders of notes, corrections, and publicity for *Rebellious Spirit*. Copies of Sokolow's birth certificate and citizenship papers are present, as are other papers related to her personal life, such as transcriptions that Warren made of letters Sokolow sent to her sister, Rose Bank, while traveling in the Soviet Union in the 1930s. Materials record Sokolow's early career at the Neighborhood Playhouse and her later work with the Contemporary Dance System and Player's Project. Two folders contain Warren's detailed notes on Sokolow's body of choreographic works and list premiere dates, dancers, and musicians for many of
her pieces. Warren divided Sokolow's time in Mexico and Israel into distinct units before further separating the material by subject. Also included here are two scrapbooks with clippings and ephemera related to Sokolow.

Arranged alphabetically according to subject.

BOX 12-13, 15  **Lester Horton, 1906-2007**
Clippings, correspondence, dance notation, notes, photographs, programs, and writings collected or created by Larry Warren while researching his biography *Lester Horton: Modern Dance Pioneer* (1977) and its subsequent edition.

Organized as three subseries.

BOX 12  **Correspondence, 1943-2002**
Larry Warren corresponded with many notable figures in the dance world while researching *Modern Dance Pioneer*. This subseries consists of that collected correspondence and includes letters with those close to Horton during his lifetime, such as Frank Eng, Elsie Martinez, Don Martin, and James Truitte. Letters from Agnes De Mille, John Martin, and Ruth Page provide insight on the context of Horton's career within the broader movement of modern dance. The only piece of correspondence not directed to or from Warren is a letter from Horton in the "Miscellaneous" folder. It was sent to Warren by its recipient, Katharine Stubergh. This subseries also contains the original 1968 letter from composer Lou Harrison that Warren reproduced in his book.

Arranged alphabetically by author's name.

BOX 12-13  **Photographs, 1929-1973**
Images of Horton's dance works as well as behind-the-scenes photographs and portraits of Horton make up this subseries and document Horton's early exploration of Native American dances through to the major works he created at the Horton Dance Theater. Of the works represented here, only one was created after Horton's death, *Miss Salome*. Horton revisited and reworked the story of Salome many times, and this adaptation was likely created as part of a fundraising evening for the Dance Theater. Most of the photographs in this series are reproduced in *Modern Dance Pioneer*. Titles refer to choreographic works. When known, photographers are identified at the folder level.

Organized alphabetically according to subject or production.

BOX 13, 15  **Subject Files, 1906-2007**
The bulk of this series is devoted to documentation of the dance technique that Horton created and taught, including written descriptions, drawings outlining body placement, and Labanotation. Other materials collected here include a copy of Horton's birth certificate; reproductions of costume designs for *Tawkish* and the 1950 version of *Salome*; early articles and choreographic scenarios by Horton; clippings and programs of Horton performances, including his 1929 appearance with Michio Itô's company; and, drafts, notes, publicity, and research related to the publication of *Modern Dance Pioneer*.

Arranged alphabetically according to subject.

BOX 13  **Larry Warren Papers, 1970-1996**
This series contains a single file containing clippings, correspondence, notes, and collected ephemera that document Larry Warren's career as an educator at the University of Maryland and his research interests outside of Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton.

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And the Disciples Departed, 1967

Anti-War Cycle, 1935

Así es la vida en México, 1979

Photographers: Jane Rady and Peter Schaaf

Ballade, 1964, circa 1986

Photographer: David Fullard

Camino Real (play), 1953

Contemporary Dance System, circa 1975

Déserts, 1967, 1973 and undated

Photographers: Jaacov Agor, J. Contreras Chacel, Edward Effron, and Syues Mottel

Don Lindo de Almeria, 1940

Dreams, 1962 and undated

Photographers: Anthony Crickmay, Lida Moser, and Irwin M. Schor

The Dybbuk, 1951

Ellis Island, circa 1981

Photographers: Oleaga and Will Rapport

The Exile, 1939

Far Rockaway (play), 1965

For Langston, 1980

Photographer: John Galluzzi

L'histoire du soldat, 1956

Homage to David Alfero Siqueiros, 1984

José Limón Dance Company, undated

Kaddish, 1945 and undated

Lyric Suite, 1953-1954, 1972

Photographer: Oleaga

Magritte, Magritte, undated

Photographer: Jane Rady

Mexican Retablo, 1946 and undated

Photographer: Marthe Krueger

Moods, circa 1980

Photographer: M. B. Hunnewell


Negatives and slides, undated

Night, undated

Photographer: Oleaga

North, Alex, 1934

Odes, circa 1970

Photographer: Jaacov Agor

Opus ’60, 1960

Photographer: Hugo Menendez

Opus ’62, 1962

Opus ’65, 1965-1970

Photographers: Alan Cunliffe and Tom Brazil

Poem, undated

Photographers: John Lindquist and W. H. Stephan
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| BOX 8-12, 14-15 | **Subject Files, 1930-2000**  
This subseries further documents Sokolow's life and career, but also includes several folders of notes, corrections, and publicity for *Rebellious Spirit*. Copies of Sokolow's birth certificate and citizenship papers are present, as are other papers related to her personal life, such as transcriptions that Warren made of letters Sokolow sent to her sister, Rose Bank, while traveling in the Soviet Union in the 1930s. Materials record Sokolow's early career at the Neighborhood Playhouse and her later work with the Contemporary Dance System and Player's Project. Two folders contain Warren's detailed notes on Sokolow's body of choreographic works and list premiere dates, dancers, and musicians for many of her pieces. Warren divided Sokolow's time in Mexico and Israel into distinct units before further separating the material by subject. Also included here are two scrapbooks with clippings and ephemera related to Sokolow.  
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Clippings, correspondence, dance notation, notes, photographs, programs, and writings collected or created by Larry Warren while researching his biography *Lester Horton: Modern Dance Pioneer* (1977) and its subsequent edition.

Organized as three subseries.

**Box 12**  
**Correspondence, 1943-2002**  
Larry Warren corresponded with many notable figures in the dance world while researching *Modern Dance Pioneer*. This subseries consists of that collected correspondence and includes letters with those close to Horton during his lifetime, such as Frank Eng, Elsie Martinez, Don Martin, and James Truitte. Letters from Agnes De Mille, John Martin, and Ruth Page provide insight on the context of Horton's career within the broader movement of modern dance. The only piece of correspondence not directed to or from Warren is a letter from Horton in the "Miscellaneous" folder. It was sent to Warren by its recipient, Katharine Stubergh. This subseries also contains the original 1968 letter from composer Lou Harrison that Warren reproduced in his book.

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*Miss Salome*, 1955
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Photographers: Leo Salkin and Viktor von Pribosic

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**Photographs, 1929-1973**
Images of Horton's dance works as well as behind-the-scenes photographs and portraits of Horton make up this subseries and document Horton's early exploration of Native American dances through to the major works he created at the Horton Dance Theater. Of the works represented here, only one was created after Horton's death, *Miss Salome*. Horton revisited and reworked the story of Salome many times, and this adaptation was likely created as part of a fundraising evening for the Dance Theater. Most of the photographs in this series are reproduced in *Modern Dance Pioneer*. Titles refer to choreographic works. When known, photographers are identified at the folder level. Organized alphabetically according to subject or production.
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**BOX 13, 15**  
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The bulk of this series is devoted to documentation of the dance technique that Horton created and taught, including written descriptions, drawings outlining body placement, and Labanotation. Other materials collected here include a copy of Horton's birth certificate; reproductions of costume designs for *Tawkish* and the 1950 version of *Salome*; early articles and choreographic scenarios by Horton; clippings and programs of Horton performances, including his 1929 appearance with Michio Itō's company; and, drafts, notes, publicity, and research related to the publication of *Modern Dance Pioneer*. Arranged alphabetically according to subject.

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**BOX 13**  
**Larry Warren Papers, 1970-1996**  
This series contains a single file containing clippings, correspondence, notes, and collected ephemera that document Larry Warren's career as an educator at the University of Maryland and his research interests outside of Anna Sokolow and Lester Horton. Materials arranged chronologically within the file.

Appendix: Recorded interviews

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- Bank, Rose, letters, undated
- Bank, Stephen, July 4, 1985
- Bickmore, R[ex]., June 16, 1988
- Bird, Bonnie, "notes from Nina Fonoroff tel. conversation"
- Butler, Ethel, April 24, 1981
- Canelo, Raul Flores, Mexico City, May 21, 1981
- Cefkin, Aza, January 5, 1982
- Cohen, Ze'eva, New York City, December 3, 1983
- Cook, Ray [on Sokolow], October 6, 1979
- Dudley, Jane, December 1, 1988
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- Francis, Xavier, April 6, 1980
- Francis, Xavier, Mexico City, November 6, 1980
- Freedman, Gerald, “Hair” Interview, undated
- Glaser, Karl Gabriel, Tel Aviv, June 28, 1983
- Gluck, Rena, Tel Aviv, June, 27, 1983
- Goodleman, Ruth Nissenson, June 9, 1981
- Gottlieb, Judy, June 20, 1983
- Gudde, Linda, October 2, 1988
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- Levy, Rose, Silver Spring, MD, July 8, 1981
- Lipson, David, February 10, 1990
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- Merida, Ana, Mexico City, May 26, [Translation: Waldean, Nacho, August, 20, 1985]
- Moore, Jack, New York City, April 12 1987
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