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Collection Summary

Repository
Ballets Russes Archives at the University of Oklahoma School of Dance

Collection
Anna Istomina

Title
Anna Istomina Collection

Dates:
1923-2011

Quantity
1 folder

Abstract
Anna Istomina, a Canadian dancer, was a member of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Her collection includes photographs from her time with the company.

Identification
AI-005

Biographical Note
Anna Istomina was born Audree Thomas in Vancouver, Canada. She took up ballet as a therapeutic exercise and eventually evolved into an excellent dancer, undergoing training with June Roper. She joined the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in 1940 at the age of 15 as an apprentice dancer. As a member of the Ballet Russe, she was expected to have a Russian name and selected Anna Istomina. She danced with the company from 1940-44 and returned as a member of the company in 1952-53. She also appeared as the prima ballerina at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires and as featured dancer with Mia Slavenska's company and with Venezuela's National Ballet. She was married to fellow dancer Sergei Ismailoff and eventually started a dance school in White Plains, New York. She retired from dancing in 1958.

Scope and Content Note
The Anna Istomina contains photographs from the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

Organization of the Anna Istomina Collection
Photographs

Restrictions
Restriction of Access
The Anna Istomina Collection is currently unavailable to researchers. When the Ballets Russes Archive is open to researchers, the collection will be open to researchers without restrictions.

Index Terms
The following are selected search terms used in the collection
Ballet -- 1930-1960
Ballet dancers--1940-1960
Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo
Ismailoff, Audree
Istomina, Anna
Photographic Prints
Thomas, Audree

Administrative Information

Provenance
The collection was donated by Anna Istomina in June of 2010.

Processing History
The collection was inspected and arranged by Tara Davis. The collection was databased by Jessie Hopper in 2012.
Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Photographs

AI-005-P001    194u
   Portrait of Anna Istomina as Odette from Swan Lake
AI-005-P002    194u
   Portrait of Anna Istomina as Odette from Swan Lake