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Alvin Ailey Collection

Accession Number: xxxx-63

Fonds/Provenance: **William (Bill) Kelly**

Series Number: -

Title: **Alvin Ailey Collection**

Date Range: 1957 – 2005, bulk 1980 – 2003

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Location: K1A (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf A)

Collection History:

Alvin Ailey (January 5, 1931 – December 1, 1989) was an African-American choreographer and activist who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City. He is credited with popularizing modern dance and revolutionizing African-American participation in 20th-century concert dance. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) is a modern dance company based in New York, New York and is, as of 2018, made up of 32 dancers, led by artistic director Robert Battle and associate artistic director Masazumi Chaya.

Custodial History:

[No available accession information.]

Scope and Content:

The collection is mostly made up of playbills and periodicals, but also includes signed documents and other various pieces of ephemera.

Arrangement:

After acquisition, the collection had no discernible original order. The collection has been thematically organized into six (6) series, one series per folder. Folders are arranged alphabetically, followed by miscellaneous and duplicates. Items within folders are arranged by date.

Series:

1 Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Magazines | Date Range: 1980-2003

2 Playbills | Date Range: 1957-1980

3 Periodicals | Date Range: 1981-2002

4 Signatures | Date Range: 1980-2001

5 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 1980-2005

6 Duplicates | Date Range: n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER MAGAZINES

2. PLAYBILLS

3. PERIODICALS

4. SIGNATURES

5. MISCELLANEOUS

6. DUPLICATES

Separations: SEE "Potential Separations" and "DUPLICATES" folders in box ← *to be edited.*

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

African American artists

African American dancers

African American gays

African American theater

Ailey, Alvin

Ailey School (New York, N.Y.)

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Broadway (New York, N.Y.)

Homosexuality and dance
Homosexuality and the arts
Homosexuality and theater

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