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Guide to the Michigan Dance Archives: Detroit Dance Collective Records UR002906

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Detroit Dance Collective (1267)
Title:	Michigan Dance Archives: Detroit Dance Collective Records
ID:	UR002906
Date [inclusive]:	1980-2019
Physical Description:	6 Linear Feet (3 SB, 1 OS)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	The Detroit Dance Collective (DDC, recently renamed DDC Dances) is a premiere contemporary dance company in Michigan. It was founded in 1980 by dancers Barbara Selinger, Sue Ellen Darr, Paula Kramer and Anita Surma. This professional dance group is dedicated to "the creation and production of visually striking repertory that touches the senses." The collection includes flyers and other promotional materials as well as programs from DDC performances throughout the years. There are published articles about the company and its dancers and reviews of performances. Photos include images of specific dances and dancers and of the company's teaching activities. There are two company scrapbooks, and oversize posters, flyers, awards and other materials.

Citation Style

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History

The Detroit Dance Collective (DDC, recently renamed DDC Dances) is a premiere contemporary dance company in Michigan. It was founded in 1980 by dancers Barbara Selinger, Sue Ellen Darr, Paula

Kramer and Anita Surma. This professional dance group is dedicated to "the creation and production of visually striking repertory that touches the senses." Selinger has choreographed many works for DDC over the years and, as of 2020, continues to lead the company as artistic director. DDC has toured extensively throughout Michigan and nationally, performing in theaters, schools, museums, galleries and outdoor venues. It has specialized in designing imaginative teaching residencies at all educational levels and for the interests and needs of specific communities. The company and individual dancers have taught in many local schools including Detroit Public Schools, Oakland Community College, and Wayne State University. Guest choreographers and many Michigan visual artists, poets, musicians and designers have collaborated with DDC to create original works.

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Scope and Content

This collection constitutes 2 boxes of documents, 1 box of photographs and 1 oversize box containing posters, flyers, awards and other materials. Documents include flyers and other promotional materials as well as programs from DDC performances throughout the years. There are published articles about the company and its dancers and reviews of performances. Photos include images of specific dances and dancers and of the company's teaching activities. There are two company scrapbooks.

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Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

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Acquisition

Material acquired in 2019 from Barbara Selinger, artistic director of Detroit Dance Collective.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Aimee Ergas on January 28, 2020.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials. Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Other collections in the Reuther Library's Michigan Dance Archives, including the Harriet Berg Papers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Dance companies
- Modern dance
- Dance

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We Dance in Michigan Conference, various documents, 1989 June	Box 1	Folder 9
Barbara Selinger, solo performances, flyers, brochures, 1980s	Box 1	Folder 10
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