



Guide to the Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Houssels, Nancy C. (Nancy Claire), 1935-
Title:	Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre
ID:	MS-00392
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1972 to 1997
Physical Description:	0.67 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	2.42 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre (1972-1997) consists of programs, posters, photographs, newsletters, magazine articles, and newspaper clippings related to the Nevada Dance Theatre (now Nevada Ballet Theatre) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Nancy Houssels co-founded the Nevada Dance Theatre in 1972 with Vassili Sulich.

Preferred Citation

Nancy Houssels Collection on the Nevada Dance Theatre, 1972-1997. MS-00392. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Born in Piedmont, California in 1935, Nancy Houssels is a retired dancer and prominent supporter of the arts in Las Vegas, Nevada. She started dancing as a child, and in 1957 received a B. A. degree in Theater Arts from the University of California at Los Angeles. During her dance career, she toured the world as a part of the dance team of Szony and Claire, eventually settling in Las Vegas in 1966. She performed at the Tropicana Hotel until 1970, when she married the Tropicana president, J. Kell Houssels, Jr. Although she retired from dancing to focus on her family, Houssels co-founded the Nevada Dance Theatre (now the Nevada Ballet Theatre) in 1972 with dancer and choreographer Vassili Sulich. Houssels also remains active in the community, having served on

a number of boards, including the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) Foundation, the Meadows School, the Bank of Commerce, the Children's Service Guild, and the Smith Center for the Performing Arts. Houssels also chaired the Nevada State Council of the Arts for seven years and helped establish a folk arts program in Nevada. She continues to serve as the co-chair of the Nevada Ballet Theatre Board of Trustees.

Sources:

"Houssels, Nancy". Nevada International Women's Forum. Accessed February 7, 2018. <http://nevadaiwf.org/houssels-nancy/>.

"Nancy Houssels". Women in Nevada History: A legacy digital project. Accessed February 7, 2018. <https://womennvhistory.com/portfolio/nancy-houssels/>.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by size and type of material, roughly in reverse chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1997 by Nancy Houssels; acquisition number 1997-011.

Processing Information

In 2018, as a part of an archival backlog elimination project, Gayle O'Hara rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Gayle O'Hara wrote the finding guide and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

Houssels, Nancy. Interview. 2014 March 19. OH-00896. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Houssels Photograph Collection, 1983. PH-00216. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Vassili Sulich Papers, 1951-2005. MS-00469. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Vassili Sulich Photographs, 1950-2011. PH-00353. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Ballet
- Ballet dancers
- Nevada Ballet Theater -- Ballet dancers
- photographs

- Sulich, Vassili
- Nevada Dance Theatre

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Programs, postcards, calendars, news clippings, and magazine articles, approximately 1972 to 1997 Physical Description: 7 Files	box 01
Photographs of the Nevada Dance Theatre by Ginger Bruner, undated	box 01
Photographs of the Nevada Dance Theatre, photographer unknown, 1980 to 1981	box 01
Photographs of the Nevada Dance Theatre by J. Harry Mortenson, undated	box 01
Two posters of the Nevada Dance Theatre, 1974 to 1981	flat file 02