



## Guide to the Michael McKensie Pratt Professional Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Pratt, Michael McKensie
<b>Title:</b>	Michael McKensie Pratt Professional Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-01068
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1950 to 2021
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8.53 Cubic Feet (5 boxes, 8 oversized boxes, 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15.21 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Websites (0.046 GB) WARC
<b>Physical Description:</b>	480 Digital Files (11.345 GB) M4V, JPG, PDF/A, MP3
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , French
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Michael McKensie Pratt Professional Papers (approximately 1950-2021) contain costume designs, musical selections, and synopsis for shows that Pratt worked on in Las Vegas, Nevada including <i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> , <i>Les Folies Chic</i> , and <i>Jubilee!</i> . The collection also contains souvenir show programs for cabaret shows performed in Paris, France and Las Vegas, Nevada, including <i>Lido de Paris</i> , <i>Casino de Paris</i> , <i>Bal du Moulin Rouge</i> , and <i>Folies Bergere</i> . Materials also include copies of Pratt's curriculum vita and swing bible used by Pratt when he was the co-company manager for <i>Jubilee!</i> . Also included are video recordings of shows Pratt choreographed and an archived version of Pratt's personal website.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Michael McKensie Pratt was a performer and choreographer who danced in a number of cabaret productions such as *Lido de Paris* in Paris, France and Las Vegas, Nevada. Pratt worked as a choreographer primarily in Las Vegas and northern Nevada for shows including *90 Degrees and Rising* and *Presenting Mr. Diamond* for the Theatre Ballet of Las Vegas. Pratt also managed shows including *Jubilee!* at the MGM Grand Hotel and for *Lido de Paris* at the Stardust hotel. Pratt passed away in 2021 due to complications from COVID-19.

Sources:

Michael McKensie Pratt Papers, approximately 1963-2021. MS-01068. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pratt, Michael McKensie. "In loving memory..." 24 January 2021. Facebook.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are grouped by performance.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information. The archived website is available for access at <https://archive-it.org/collections/17113>.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2021 and 2023 by Mary Julia Boyd; accession numbers 2021-102 and 2023-043.

### Appraisal

Acquired by Su Kim Chung, curator, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings in entertainment history. The original acquisition included 81 optical discs that were appraised and removed due to duplication. The duplicate discs were removed by Tammi Kim and securely destroyed in 2023.

### Processing Note

In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection during accessioning and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Video files were transferred off of two optical discs and access files created. One archived website was captured, preserved, and managed using Archive-It, a web archiving subscription service. In 2023, Sarah Jones organized and rehoused the collection and updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. Access copies were created for digital files.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Jubilee!
- Souvenir programs
- Choreography

- Entertainers
- Web archives

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## Legacy Digital Media Storage

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Optical discs are housed throughout collection. All optical discs remaining in this collection have been reviewed and ingested.

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Pratt's career and general dance-related material	
Ballet DAN 235 instructions and dance numbers, approximately 2010	box 03
ShowBiz Friends' "Bluebells Forever!" reunion event book, 2019 August 31 to 2019 September 01	box 03
Other Las Vegas, Nevada show programs, approximately 1990 to 2015	box 03
Dance Fusion (dance instruction): scrapbook, approximately 2010 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 04
"Book 3 Lido Stardust-Hallelujah Hollywood": scrapbook, 1972 to 1978	oversized box 07
"Book 1 Sureflight-Funny Girl": scrapbook, approximately 1950 to 1969	oversized box 08
"Book 4 Jubilee 1981 April-1985": scrapbook, 1981 to 1985	oversized box 09
"Book 5 Rocky IV - Lido Stardust Adieu 1985 August-1991 May": scrapbook, 1985 to 1991	oversized box 10
"Book 2 Dinner Theatre Paris": scrapbook, 1969 to 1971	oversized box 11
"Book 6 Meet Me in St. Louis - 90 Degrees and Rising": scrapbook, 1989 to 1994	oversized box 12
Michael Pratt's silk jacket for Donn Arden's <i>Jubilee!</i> , 1981 to 1985	oversized box 13
Reno Fashion Show rehearsal: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_016)	digital file 00

Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
ASAE "Best recording for Pets and Look Me Over": digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_013)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
"ASAE Leadership on Stage" performance at MGM Grand, Las Vegas: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_018)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
New York, New York; MGM Las Vegas, Nevada; and celebrity golf: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_022)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
"Hallelujah Hollywood!" HBO special recording: digital video, 1981 (MS_01068_026)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
"All I Do Is Dream of You": digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_009)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Theatre Ballet of Las Vegas shows: digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_010)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Rough 1, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_030)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Rough 2, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_029)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Rough 3, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_028)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Rough 4, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_027)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Michael McKensie Pratt biography, curriculum vita, photograph with showgirls, approximately 2017	box 02
Swing bible for <i>Jubilee!</i> , approximately 1989	box 02
Physical Description: 3 Files	
35th annual Academy Awards ceremony program, 1963	box 02
Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater show program, 2013	box 02
<i>Lido, Casino de Paris, Bal du Moulin Rouge</i> souvenir show programs, approximately 1970 to 1999	box 02
Language of the Material: French	
<i>Le Rêve</i> , Miss Bluebell's 100th anniversary souvenir show programs, 2010 to 2015	box 02

French production souvenir show programs including <i>Folies Berge</i> and <i>Crazy Horse</i> , approximately 1966 to 1976 Language of the Material: French	box 02
<i>Scala Barcelona</i> souvenir show program, approximately 1976 Language of the Material: Spanish	box 02
Souvenir show programs for productions held at Friedrichstadt-Palast Berlin, 2002 to 2009 Language of the Material: German	box 02
<i>Ebony Guys, Dolls &amp; Techs</i> reunion panel discussion hosted by UNLV Libraries, 2012 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.606 GB) M4V	digital file 00
Michael McKensie Pratt website: archived website, 2021 (2558921) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	
Choreography highlights, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_004) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
Extended choreography highlights, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_005) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
Michael McKensie Pratt partial web video (PAL and NTSC), approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_006) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
Michael and Diane reel: digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_007) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
"China": digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_008) Physical Description: 3 Digital Files	digital file 00
Photographs and images from 1956-1990 shows: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_015) Physical Description: 325 Digital Files	digital file 00
Musical Reference selected choreographic numbers from original website (Michael and Diane), approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_020) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> material	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> show poster, approximately 1990	flat file 01
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> , Theatre Ballet of Las Vegas concert: <i>Presenting Mr. Diamond</i> : video recordings, approximately 1990 Physical Description: 2 VHS Tapes	box 02
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> performance digitized video recording, 2012	digital file 00



Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.092 GB) M4V	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> highlights and compilation; "Berlin" highlights and compilation: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_002)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 4 Digital Files	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> : digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_003)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> all performances: digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_017)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> U-edit cut performance: digital video, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_011)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> rough cut for ASAE: digital files, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_019)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
Choreography by Michael McKensie Pratt <i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> , approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_012)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
<i>90 Degrees &amp; Rising</i> NTSC and PAL, approximately 1990 to 2015 (MS_01068_001)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> material	
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : notebooks on musical selections, set design, and costuming, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 03
Physical Description: 3 Files	
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Paree" synopsis and notes, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 03
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Star gown" design, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 03
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Ciao Italia" synopsis and notes, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 06
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Opening" synopsis and notes, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 06
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : poster designs and final version, 2014 to 2015	box 06
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Finale" costume design binder, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Paree Amour" costume design binder, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Ciao Italia" costume design binder, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05

Physical Description: 2 Files

<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : "Lights, Camera, Roll 'em" costume design binder, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : costume design binder, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : correspondence, line-ups, and Pratt resume, approximately 2010 to 2015	box 05
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> : costume design binder with material samples, approximately 2015 to 2020 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 04 oversized box 14
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> opening musical selection: digital files, approximately 2010 to 2015 (MS_01068_023) Physical Description: 12 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Paris" segment musical selections: digital files, approximately 2010 to 2015 (MS_01068_024) Physical Description: 19 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Ciao Italia" completed musical selections: digital files, approximately 2010 to 2015 (MS_01068_025) Physical Description: 22 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Foxy Starburst" opening finale costume designs: digital files, 2014 (MS_01068_031) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> costume designs: digital files, 2014 (MS_01068_032) Physical Description: 2 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Miss Hopeful" and opening finale costume designs: digital files, 2014 (MS_01068_033) Physical Description: 3 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Paree Amour" costume designs: digital files, 2013 (MS_01068_034) Physical Description: 18 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> poster designs: digital files, 2013 (MS_01068_035) Physical Description: 3 Digital Files	digital file 00
"Singing in the Rain" costume design scans: digital files, approximately 2010 to 2015 (MS_01068_036) Physical Description: 2 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> digital logo, photographs with dancers, and scans of costumes: digital files, 2015 (MS_01068_037) Physical Description: 15 Digital Files	digital file 00
Early versions of <i>Les Folies Chic</i> poster: digital files, approximately 2014 (MS_01068_021) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> final poster: digital files, 2015 (MS_01068_016a)	

Physical Description: 2 Digital Files	digital file 00
<i>Les Folies Chic</i> final poster: digital files, 2015 (MS_01068_014) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files	digital file 00
Audiovisual material	
"ASAE" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Untitled" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"#2 Vegas - Phyllis McGuire Hello Dolly, Chicago, 42nd Street" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"90 Degrees and Rising editing studio cleaned copy" videtape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Living in America (Stallone)" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Fashion Show - Reno - run through in rehearsal clothes in LV on "Jubilee" stage" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Pro-celebrity golf with Gary Marshall's medley ending with NY-NY performance color" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Rocky IV and Michael's choreography snippets for 90 Degrees and Rising" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06
"Presenting Mr. (?) Diamond" videotape, approximately 1980 to 1999 Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 06