Guide to the Rich Rizzo Professional Papers

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Summary Information

Creator: Rizzo, Rich
Title: Rich Rizzo Professional Papers
ID: MS-01106
Date [inclusive]: approximately 1960 to 2022
Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 flat file (shared box))
Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Rich Rizzo Professional Papers (approximately 1960-2022) are comprised largely of photographs documenting the life of Las Vegas, Nevada dancer and choreographer Rich Rizzo in shows such as Jubilee! and Lido de Paris in Las Vegas and in Paris, France. The photographs show rehearsal and performances, Rizzo with his partner and fellow choreographer Winston Helmsley, dancers and showgirls, Donn Arden, and Miss Bluebell. Other types of material include business and personal correspondence, contracts, production prospectives and set designs, show programs, and costume design photographs.

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Biographical Note

Rich Rizzo was a Las Vegas, Nevada dancer and choreographer known for his work with Donn Arden on Lido de Paris and Jubilee! in Las Vegas and Lido de Paris in Paris, France throughout the 1970s and 1980s. His partner, Winston DeWitt Helmsley, was also a dancer and choreographer. Rizzo later produced and choreographed the Las Vegas Folies show at the Starbright Theatre in

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Arrangement

Materials are grouped by subject.

Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 2022 by Rich Rizzo and Nick Rizzo; accession number 2022-073.
Appraisal
Acquired by Su Kim Chung, curator, as part of UNLV Special Collections and Archives holdings in entertainment. All material that formed the original gift has been retained.

Processing Information
In 2023, Sarah Jones organized, rehoused, and described the material and entered the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. The collection had no discernable order, so materials were grouped by subject.

Related Materials

Related Collections
The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:


Names and Subjects

- Choreographers
- Lido de Paris (Las Vegas)
- Jubilee!
- Entertainment -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Male dancers
- Photographers

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