



Guide to the Margot Mink Colbert Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Colbert, Margot
Title:	Margot Mink Colbert Papers
ID:	MS-00901
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1959 to 2018
Physical Description:	32.01 Cubic Feet (47 boxes, 2 oversized boxes)
Physical Description:	31.16 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	11,082 Digital Files (2701.260 GB)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Margot Mink Colbert Papers (approximately 1959-2018) are comprised of materials that represent Colbert's career as a professional dancer, choreographer, and instructor. The materials span Colbert's career as a dancer in New York City at The Juilliard School, instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and instructor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The materials in this collection also document Colbert's teaching career as well as her professional studio Ballet Mink. The materials include press and promotional materials about performances choreographed by Colbert within the United States as well as other countries including Russia and Denmark. The collection also include recordings of Colbert's choreographed performances.

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Biographical Note

Margot Mink Colbert (1935-) is a ballet choreographer, teacher, and dancer in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was the assistant chair of the Department of Dance and Professor of Dance-Ballet at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She is also the artistic director of Ballet Mink, a dance company she founded in 1970 in New York City, New York. After she graduated from the Juilliard School in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ballet and Modern Dance Performance, Colbert taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1991 she was hired at UNLV as an assistant professor where she eventually attained status as an emeritus professor before retiring in 2017. Colbert and Ballet Mink have been recognized and supported by UNLV, the Nevada Arts Council, Cirque du Soleil Community Support Grants, the City of Las Vegas, and other arts organizations in the United States and Europe. In addition to her prominent work in the arts, Colbert is an active member of Congregation Ner Tamid in Las Vegas.

Sources:

"About." Ballet Mink. Accessed October 19, 2020. <http://www.balletmink.com/#!/about/c1enr>.

Colbert Mink, Margot. Interview, 2014 November 11. OH-02182. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Margot Mink Colbert, B.S." University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Accessed October 19, 2020. <https://www.unlv.edu/people/margot-colbert>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Margot Mink Colbert in 2018 and 2021; accession numbers 2018-049, 2021-091. Additional materials were donated in 2022 by Roberta Sabbath and Cathy Allen on behalf of Margot Mink Colbert; accession numbers 2022-051 and 2022-057.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection. Materials were reviewed to create brief box-level summaries. Files from three external hard drives were transferred during accessioning and but remain unprocessed. Some items in this collection are digital surrogates. In 2020, due to insurmountable preservation issues, Sarah Jones digitized select materials from the collection for preservation purposes and discarded the originals. In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid. In 2023, Sarah Jones reboxed the 2022 accessions and updated the finding aid. No further work has been done on the collection material. Optical discs were not transferred due to likelihood of duplication per Aaron Mayes 2023-09-19. Files may be ingested upon specific request.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Margot Mink Colbert oral history interview, 2014 November 11. OH-02182. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Ballet dancers
- Choreography
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- Department of Dance
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
UNLV Dance department course syllabi; choreography, conferences, and festivals including Russia; Madison, Wisconsin, and Las Vegas, Nevada, approximately 1990 to 2005	box 01
Choreographer's showcases and festivals including Las Vegas, Nevada, Wisconsin, New York, approximately 1990 to 1999	box 02
Lists of works, awards, correspondence, UNLV Dance department assignments, writings, approximately 1990 to 2008	box 03
Press about Colbert, works and biographies of other choreographers, approximately 1980 to 1999	box 04
<i>Art of Movement</i> performances; Yaroslavl, Russia festival performances, approximately 1996 to 1999	box 23
American Dance Guild conference (ADG), festivals, and projects including <i>Chaconne</i> , 1996 to 2008	box 05

Working files and publicity for performances including <i>Dance Back the Cat</i> , <i>L'Historie</i> , <i>Dance in the Desert</i> ; teaching philosophy statement, approximately 1993 to 2004	box 06
UNLV teaching materials, awards and grants, approximately 1993 to 2000	box 07
Dance performance playbills, personal notebooks, notes and records for performances in New York, Denmark, and Russia, approximately 1959 to 2018	box 08
Performances, UNLV student theses, Labanotation, approximately 1970 to 2007	box 09
University of Wisconsin-Madison papers including playbills, performance reviews, curriculum vitae, and faculty re-appointment; Israeli, square, and folk dancing primers, approximately 1970 to 1996	box 10
University of Wisconsin-Madison press about Colbert; travel and press files on performances in Denmark and Russia, approximately 1983-1984, 1996-1889	box 11
Performance notes, programs, and clippings; University of Wisconsin-Madison teaching materials, appointments, and reviews, approximately 1970 to 1984	box 12
Various performance and grant files from New York and Madison, Wisconsin; letters from Ruth Hoffman, approximately 1960 to 1993	box 13
Ballet Mink photographs and photograph books; notes on classes taken; sheet music for <i>Ho'merica</i> and <i>Ulixes</i> ; recommendation letters on behalf of Colbert, approximately 1970 to 1993	box 14
Personal calendars and planners, possibly 1988 to 1998	box 15
Photographs of various performances including New York and Madison, Wisconsin, approximately 1972 to 1985	box 16
Performances of choreography including <i>The Color of Eyes</i> , <i>Mixed Meters</i> , and <i>Bach with Bicycle</i> , approximately 1989 to 2002	box 17
Alfredo and Ernesta Corvino guest performances at UNLV; student ballet performances; interviews, approximately 1995 to 2002	box 18
Choreography work samples, festival performances, approximately 1996 to 2001	box 19
UNLV, teaching, and performance photographs; personal files, performance recordings on external hard drives, probably 1990 to 2016	box 20
Lectures, rehearsal, and performance audio recordings including Bournonville Summer Academy, approximately 1986 to 1992	box 21
	box 22
Russia festival performances VHS tapes, approximately 1993 to 2003	box 23
Annual evaluations, tenure and promotion applications, merit application, award applications, approximately 1991 to 2007	box 24
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Colbert personal calendars, 1971 to 1995	box 26
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Colbert Edinburgh Fringe Festival scrapbook, 2002	oversized box 27
<p><i>Timeline</i> and <i>Today</i> performance notes and planning documents, Colbert's research citations on index cards, approximately 1967 to 1996</p> <p>Physical Description: 255 Digital Files (1.260 GB) JPG</p> <p>Access Note: Digital files are open for research. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.</p> <p>Processing Note: In 2020, due to insurmountable preservation issues, Sarah Jones digitized these materials for preservation purposes, discarded the originals, and created access copies. These files exist only as digital surrogates.</p>	digital file 00
<p>Performance videos and fliers; personal and professional files from laptop including research, email correspondence, poetry, grant applications, travel, Ballet Mink, UNLV teaching files, 2015 to 2018</p> <p>Physical Description: 10,826 Digital Files (2700 GB)</p> <p>Access Note: Digital files described have not been fully processed. Digital files must be reviewed for protected information prior to access. Requests for access must be made in advance to allow time for the materials to be reviewed. Please contact Special Collections and Archives to request access.</p>	digital file 00
<p>2022 Addition</p> <p>Processing Note: This addition is unprocessed.</p>	
<p>Recordings of Ballet Mink performances, Margot Mink Colbert, students, and others performing at UNLV and international festivals, 1995 to 2010</p> <p>Physical Description: 55 Betacam</p> <p>Physical Description: 2 Audio Cassettes</p> <p>Physical Description: 153 U-Matic Videotapes</p> <p>Physical Description: 153 VHS Tapes</p> <p>Physical Description: 72 Items miniDV's</p> <p>Physical Description: 9 Cassettes</p>	<p>box 42</p> <p>box 43</p> <p>box 44</p> <p>box 45</p> <p>box 46</p> <p>box 47</p> <p>box 49</p> <p>box 48</p>
<p>"Transit(ion) II: Plan B Copenhagen Medicine Show Theatre, New York" dance performance, 2008 August 01 (MS_00901_008)</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes</p> <p>Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (2.774 GB) MP4</p>	digital file 00
Ballet Mink and other performances, local and international: digital files, approximately 1995 to 2012	box 38

Conditions Governing Access: Files have not been ingested off optical discs. Contact special.collections@unlv.edu in advance of research request.	box 39 box 40
Photographs taken by Per Morten Abrahamsen of Margot Mink Colbert and Ballet Mink performances, 1996 to 2008	oversized box 41
Research files, performance information, and UNLV teaching files, approximately 1995 to 2010	box 28 box 29 box 30 box 31 box 32 box 33 box 34 box 35 box 36 box 37