Alvin Ailey Collection

Accession Number: xxxx-63
Fonds/Provenance: William (Bill) Kelly

Series Number: -
Title: Alvin Ailey Collection
Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)
Location: K1A (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf A)

Collection History:
Alvin Ailey (January 5, 1931 – December 1, 1989) was an African-American choreographer and activist who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City. He is credited with popularizing modern dance and revolutionizing African-American participation in 20th-century concert dance. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) is a modern dance company based in New York, New York and is, as of 2018, made up of 32 dancers, led by artistic director Robert Battle and associate artistic director Masazumi Chaya.

Custodial History:
[No available accession information.]

Scope and Content:
The collection is mostly made up of playbills and periodicals, but also includes signed documents and other various pieces of ephemera.

Arrangement:
After acquisition, the collection had no discernible original order. The collection has been thematically organized into six (6) series, one series per folder. Folders are arranged alphabetically, followed by miscellaneous and duplicates. Items within folders are arranged by date.

Series:
1 Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Magazines | Date Range: 1980-2003
2 Playbills | Date Range: 1957-1980
3 Periodicals | Date Range: 1981-2002
4 Signatures | Date Range: 1980-2001
5 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 1980-2005
6 Duplicates | Date Range: n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER MAGAZINES

2. PLAYBILLS

3. PERIODICALS

4. SIGNATURES

5. MISCELLANEOUS

6. DUPLICATES

Separations: SEE “Potential Separations” and “DUPLICATES” folders in box ← to be edited.

Restrictions:
No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:
None.

Subject Headings:
African American artists
African American dancers
African American gays
African American theater
Ailey, Alvin
Ailey School (New York, N.Y.)
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
Broadway (New York, N.Y.)