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ORGANIZATIONAL NOTE

Founded in 1965 under the artistic direction of Oakland native Ronn Guidi, the Oakland Ballet Company [OBC] was created as a reconstitution of the earlier Oakland Civic Ballet (1961-1965) of which Guidi was the Associate Director of the Guild. Guidi took inspiration from the world-famous Ballet Russes company, founded in Paris by Sergei Diaghilev in the early 20th century. The Oakland Ballet Company became the first professional dance company in the US to restage the ballets of Bronislava Nijinska, a well-known dancer and choreographer of the Ballet Russes. Over the past six decades, the company has become one of the leading professional dance companies on the West Coast, staging performances of modern ballet classics by choreographers such as Michel Fokine, Kurt Joos, and Charles Weidman among many others.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The Oakland Ballet Company Publicity Records document the operation of the Oakland Ballet Company, from its founding in 1965 under Artistic Director Ronn Guidi to 2002. This collection includes press clippings, numerous production photographs, slides and negatives, programs, correspondence, advertising materials, scrapbooks and other ephemera. All together this collection provides a rich documentation of the Oakland Ballet as it became one of the West Coast's leading professional dance companies. The large number of programs and press clippings document the company's numerous performances around the San Francisco Bay Area as well as throughout the US and internationally. Additionally, the extensive collection of photographic materials provides valuable documentation of many past dancers and performances staged by the company throughout the years.

SERIES

I. Photographic Materials

190 folders

Contains production photos from numerous ballets staged by the company from the 1960s to the early 2000s. Arranged alphabetically by ballet. One folder of company headshots is included, as well as four folders of unidentified photographic materials.

II. Press Clippings

9 folders

Contains newspaper clippings documenting and reviewing Oakland Ballet Company performances. Clippings cover local Bay Area performances as well as tours in other states and countries. Arranged chronologically.

III. Oakland Ballet Guild

1 folder

Contains general paperwork, financial records, minute meetings, monthly reports and other ephemera related to the Oakland Ballet Guild. Arranged chronologically.

IV. Ronn Guidi Working Files

7 folders

Collected by Ronn Guidi, contains newspaper clippings, notes, performance schedules, itineraries, and other ephemera. Arranged chronologically.

V. Promotional Materials

4 folders

Contains flyers, brochures and other ads. Arranged chronologically.

VI. Programs

5 folders

Contains programs from local, national and international performances. Arranged chronologically.

VII. Correspondence
3 folders

Contains letters and inquiry and resumes from dancers applying to train and perform with the Oakland Ballet Company; also includes a folder of general correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

VIII. Scrapbook
3 folders

Contains the contents of two scrapbooks documenting social gatherings and fundraising events put on by the Oakland Ballet Guild.

IX. Audiovisual Materials

Audiovisual Materials will be inventoried in a separate document.

OAKLAND BALLET COMPANY PUBLICITY RECORDS INVENTORY

SERIES I. PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Photos, <i>Afternoon of a Faun</i>	1985, undated
1	2	Photos, <i>Amis</i>	1982-1984, undated
1	3	Photos, <i>L'Après Midi D'un Faune</i>	1995, undated
3	24	Negatives, <i>L'après-Midi D'un Faune</i>	undated
1	4	Photos, <i>At a Time When...</i>	1984, undated
1	5	Slides, <i>At a Time When...</i>	circa 1980s
1	6	Photos, <i>Aubade</i>	1986-1987
1	7	Slides, <i>Aubade</i>	circa 1980s
1	8	Photos, <i>The Awakening</i>	1988-1992, undated
3	25	Negatives, <i>The Awakening</i>	1989
1	9	Photos, <i>Ballade</i>	1978-1981
1	10	Photos, <i>Beethoven Quartet</i>	1982
1	11	Photos, <i>Bella Di Notte</i>	1986-1991, undated
1	12	Slides, <i>Bella Di Notte</i>	circa 1980s
1	13	Photos, <i>Les Biches</i>	1982-1990, undated
1	14	Slides, <i>Les Biches</i>	1980s
1	15	Photos, <i>Billy The Kid</i>	1980-1990
1	16	Slides, <i>Billy The Kid</i>	1980s, undated
3	26	Negatives, <i>Billy The Kid</i>	1995-1998, undated
1	17	Photos, <i>Bolero</i> (Nijinska)	1990-1996
1	18	Historical Photos, <i>Bolero</i> (Nijinska)	undated
1	19	Slides, <i>Bolero</i>	circa 1990s
3	27	Negatives, <i>Bolero</i>	1990-1995
1	20	Photos, <i>La Boutique Fantasque</i>	1978-1991
1	21	Photos, <i>Bow Out</i>	1996
3	28	Negatives, <i>Bow Out</i>	1996
1	22	Photos, Brahms Waltzes	1986, undated
1	23	Slides, <i>Brahms Waltzes</i>	circa 1980s
1	24	Photos, <i>The Brood</i>	undated
1	25	Photos, <i>Cakewalk</i>	1983-1989, undated
1	26	Slides, <i>Cakewalk</i>	circa 1980s
3	29	Negatives, <i>Cakewalk</i>	1988, undated
1	27	Photos, <i>Capital of the World</i>	1992

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	28	Photos, <i>Carmina Burana</i>	1985-1994, undated
3	30	Negatives, <i>Carmina Burana</i>	1986-1990
1	29	Photos, <i>Carnival D'aix</i>	1980-1992, undated
3	31	Negatives, <i>Carnival D'aix</i>	1989
1	30	Photos, <i>Chaconne</i>	1982
1	31	Photos, <i>Chopin Concerto</i>	1997
1	32	Photos, <i>Coppelia</i>	1981, undated
1	33	Photos, <i>Crystal Slipper</i>	1983-1991, undated
3	32	Negatives, <i>Cinderella's Crystal Slipper</i>	1990, undated
1	34	Photos, <i>Daphnis and Chloe</i>	1981-1982, undated
1	35	Photos, <i>Dark Elegies</i>	1996, undated
1	36	Photos, <i>Death and the Maiden</i>	1983-1986, undated
1	37	Photos, <i>Dim Sum</i>	1997
1	38	Photos, <i>Diversions</i>	1987-1988, undated
3	33	Negatives, <i>Diversions</i>	1987, undated
1	39	Photos, <i>Dvorak Dances</i>	undated
1	40	Photos, <i>Echoing of Trumpets</i>	1991
1	41	Photos, <i>Emperor and Nightingale</i>	undated
3	34	Negatives, <i>Emperor and the Nightingale</i>	undated
1	42	Photos, <i>Episodes</i>	1983
1	43	Photos, <i>Fall River Legend</i>	1986
1	44	Historical Photos, <i>Fall River Legend</i>	undated
1	45	Slides, <i>Fall River Legend</i>	circa 1980s
1	46	Photos, <i>Fantasia Para un Gentilhombre</i>	1981-1982
1	47	Photos, <i>Gaité Parisienne</i>	1994-1996, undated
1	48	Photos, <i>Gallops and Kisses</i>	1980-1995
3	36	Negatives, <i>Gallops and Kisses</i>	1987, undated
1	49	Photos, <i>Giselle</i>	1987-1991, undated
3	37	Negatives, <i>Giselle</i>	undated
1	50	Photos, <i>Grande Tarantella</i>	1988
3	38	Negatives, <i>Grand Tarantella</i>	undated
1	51	Photos, <i>The Green Table</i>	1984-1995, undated
1	52	Historical Photos, <i>The Green Table</i>	1932-1936
3	39	Negatives, <i>The Green Table</i>	undated
1	53	Photos, <i>Gypsy</i>	1989
1	54	Photos, <i>Hand of Fate</i>	1988, undated
3	40	Negatives, <i>Hand of Fate</i>	undated

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1	55	Photos, <i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	1985-1993, undated
3	41	Negatives, <i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	1992, undated
1	56	Photos, <i>How'd They Catch Me?</i>	1990
3	42	Negatives, <i>How'd They Catch Me?</i>	1990
1	57	Photos, <i>In Autumn</i>	1984, undated
1	58	Photos, <i>Inconsequential</i>	1983-1989, undated
1	59	Slides, <i>Inconsequential</i>	circa 1980s
1	60	Photos, <i>Lilac Garden</i>	1988-1996, undated
3	43	Negatives, <i>Jardin Aux Lilas</i>	1988, undated
1	61	Photos, <i>Love Dogs</i>	undated
1	62	Photos, <i>Ludwig and Lou</i>	1994
3	44	Negatives, <i>Ludwig and Lou</i>	1994
1	63	Photos, <i>Lynchtown</i>	1985, undated
1	64	Photos, <i>Moor's Pavane</i>	1994, undated
3	45	Negatives, <i>Moor's Pavane</i>	1994
1	65	Photos, <i>Nicholas and Conception</i>	1987
1	66	Photos, <i>Les Noces</i>	1981-1995, undated
3	46	Negatives, <i>Les Noces</i>	1989
1	67	Photos, <i>Nothin' Doin' Bar</i>	1993, 1994
3	47	Negatives, <i>Nothin' Doin' Bar</i>	1993
1	68	Photos, <i>Nutcracker</i>	1980-2000, undated
1	69	Photos, <i>Nutcracker</i> (Celebrity Night)	1986-1995, undated
1	70	Slides, <i>Nutcracker</i>	circa 1980s
3	48	Negatives, <i>Nutcracker</i>	1989-1993
1	71	Photos, <i>Our Town</i>	1994, undated
1	72	Photos, <i>Pavlova Dances</i>	1992-1995, undated
3	23	Negatives, <i>Pavlova Dances</i>	1992, undated
1	73	Photos, <i>Peter and the Wolf</i>	1990, undated
3	49	Negatives, <i>Peter and the Wolf</i>	1990
1	74	Photos, <i>Petrouchka</i>	1990-1995, undated
1	75	Photos, <i>Prince Igor</i>	1982-1988, undated
3	35	Negatives: Fokine: <i>Prince Igor, Petrouchka</i>	1982-1990, undated
1	76	Photos, <i>Pursuit of Happiness</i>	1989-1992, undated
2	1	Photos, <i>Resurrection</i>	1977-1978
2	2	Photos, <i>Rite of Spring</i>	1978-1981, undated
2	3	Slides, <i>Rite of Spring</i>	1980s
3	50	Negatives, <i>Rite of Spring</i>	1978

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	4	Photos, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	1993-1994, undated
3	51	Negatives, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	1993-1994
2	5	Photos, <i>Rooms</i>	1986, undated
2	6	Slides, <i>Rooms</i>	circa 1980s
2	7	Photos, <i>El Salon Mexico</i>	undated
2	8	Slides, <i>El Salon Mexico</i>	circa 1980s
2	9	Photos, <i>Scheherezade</i>	1984-1990, undated
2	10	Photos, <i>Seascape</i>	1990, undated
3	52	Negatives, <i>The Secret Garden</i>	1996
2	11	Photos, <i>The Seasons</i>	undated
2	12	Slides, <i>The Seasons</i>	1985, undated
2	13	Slides, <i>Sfumato</i>	1986
2	14	Slides, <i>Shapes of Evening</i>	1979-1983
2	15	Photos, <i>Sibelius</i>	1978-1995, undated
2	16	Slides, <i>Sibelius</i>	1983-1989
3	53	Negatives, <i>Sightings</i>	1991-1992
2	17	Slides, <i>Sirens</i>	1978
2	18	Photos, <i>The Sisters</i>	undated
2	19	Photos, <i>Soiree Musicale</i>	1982-1987, undated
2	20	Slides, <i>Soiree Musicale</i>	1982-1987, undated
2	21	Photos, <i>Sonata</i>	1983
2	22	Slides, <i>Sonata</i>	circa 1980s, undated
2	23	Photos, <i>Songs</i>	1990-1991
2	24	Slides, <i>Songs</i>	circa 1980s-1990
3	54	Negatives, <i>Songs</i>	1990
2	25	Photos, <i>Spectre de la Rose</i>	1982-1991, undated
2	26	Slides, <i>Spectre de la Rose</i>	circa 1980s
2	27	Photos, <i>Street Songs</i>	1986-1991, undated
2	28	Slides, <i>Street Songs</i>	1983, undated
2	29	Photos, <i>Streetcar Named Desire</i>	undated
2	30	Slides, <i>Streetcar Named Desire</i>	undated
2	31	Photos, <i>Suite Dumkas</i>	1990
2	32	Slides, <i>Suite Dumkas</i>	1990
2	33	Photos, <i>Les Sylphides</i>	1990, 1995
2	34	Slides, <i>Les Sylphides</i>	1990, 2000
3	55	Negatives, <i>Les Sylphides</i>	1990
2	35	Photos, <i>Synergies</i>	1985, 1989, undated

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2	36	Slides, <i>Synergies</i>	1984-1989
2	37	Slides, <i>Tandy</i>	circa 1980s
2	38	Photos, <i>Tar Marmalade</i>	1984
2	39	Slides, <i>Tar Marmalade</i>	circa 1980s
2	40	Photos, <i>The Tender Land</i>	1978-1994, undated
2	41	Slides, <i>The Tender Land</i>	1982-1983
2	42	Slides, <i>Thirsting</i>	2001-2002
2	43	Photos, <i>This Harsh Spectacle</i>	undated
2	44	Slides, <i>This Harsh Spectacle</i>	undated
2	45	Photos, <i>This Point in Time</i>	1987
2	46	Slides, <i>This Point in Time</i>	1987
2	47	Photos, <i>Time Unto Time</i>	1992, undated
2	48	Slides, <i>Time Unto Time</i>	1991, undated
3	56	Negatives, <i>Time Unto Time</i>	1992
2	49	Photos, <i>Le Train Bleu</i>	1989-1996, undated
2	50	Historical Photos, <i>Le Train Bleu</i>	1924
2	51	Slides, <i>Le Train Bleu</i>	1989-1990, undated
3	57	Negatives, <i>Le Train Bleu</i>	1989, undated
2	52	Photos, <i>Tribute</i>	1988
2	53	Slides, <i>Tribute/Trigger</i>	1988, undated
2	54	Photos, <i>Trois Gymnopedies</i>	1995
2	55	Slides, <i>Trois Gymnopedies</i>	undated
3	58	Negatives, <i>Trois Gymnopedies</i>	1990
2	56	Slides, <i>The Unicorn, The Gorgon, and the Manticore</i>	undated
2	57	Slides, <i>Union Fraternal</i>	2000-2002
2	58	Photos, <i>The Unravelling</i>	1994
2	59	Slides, <i>The Unravelling</i>	1994
2	60	Photos, <i>Visions Fugitives</i>	1988
2	61	Slides, <i>Visions Fugitives</i>	1988
3	59	Negatives, <i>Visions Fugitives</i>	undated
2	62	Photos, <i>Walk to Paradise Garden</i>	1990
2	63	Slides, <i>Walk to Paradise Garden</i>	1990
2	64	Photos, <i>Waterways</i>	1989
2	65	Slides, <i>Waterways</i>	1982, 1989
2	66	Photos, <i>We, The Clown</i>	undated
2	67	Photos, <i>Wild Echoes Flying</i>	1995

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	68	Slides, <i>Wild Echoes Flying</i>	undated
3	60	Negatives, <i>Wild Echoes Flying</i>	1995
2	69	Photos, <i>Witness</i>	1994, undated
2	70	Slides, <i>Witness</i>	1994
3	61	Negatives, Headshots	undated
4	8	General Photos	1979-1980, undated
2	71	Photos, Unidentified photos	undated
2	72	Slides, Unidentified slides	undated
3	62	Negatives, Unidentified Negatives	undated
3	63	Negatives, Unidentified 35mm Negatives	undated
4	9	Negatives, Unidentified Orange Negatives	undated

SERIES II. PRESS CLIPPINGS

3	1	1960s	1963-1968
3	2	1970s	1971-1974
3	3	1970s	1975-1979
3	4	1980s	1980-1987
3	5	1980s	1988-1990
3	6	OBC General Press	1977-1979, undated
3	7	Touring Press	1973-1980, undated
3	8	OBC Reviews	1975-1979
4	10	Magazine Features	1982-1983, 1985, 1990

SERIES III. OAKLAND BALLET GUILD

3	9	General Paperwork	1974-1980
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SERIES IV. RONN GUIDI WORKING FILES

3	10	Mixed Papers	1964-1981, undated
3	11	Mixed Papers	1982-1988, undated
3	12	Holberg Suite Choreography	undated
3	13	Academy	1976, undated
4	11	Notes and Ephemera	1964, 1965, undated

<u>Container</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	12	Receipts and Financial Documents	1964-1965, 1967, 1970, 1974, undated
4	13	Personal Papers and Ephemera	1961-1966, undated

SERIES V. PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

3	14	Flyers	1964, 1966-1967, 1974-1975, 1980 undated
3	15	Brochures	1973-1974, 1977-1983, 1986, 1988, undated
3	16	Ads	Fall 1974
3	17	Ad Copy	Fall 1974

SERIES VI. PROGRAMS

3	18	Programs	1965-1967, 1969-1973
3	19	Programs	1974-1976
4	14	Programs	1977-1979
4	15	Programs	1980-1986
4	16	Programs	1987-2005

SERIES VII. CORRESPONDENCE

3	20	Resumes	1972-1975
3	21	Resumes	1976-1979, undated
3	22	General	circa 1990s

SERIES VIII. SCRAPBOOK

4	6	Book 1	1972-1974
4	7	Red Album 1/2	1977-1978
4	8	Red Album 2/2	1977-1978