



Collection: Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers Mss 181

Series: 3. **Awards**
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Summary: The Awards Series consists of objects and papers received by Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis in honor of their achievements. The awards are international, national, and local in scope and range from the National Medal of Arts to Keys of the City. The series is arranged by artist and chronologically. Deposits of awards were received in 2000, 2001, 2006 and 2007.

Box 1 Alwin Nikolais

Award of the Bronze Star Medal Citation – 1945 [paper]
Citation by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences - 1967 – 1968 [paper]
New York State Council for the Arts Membership Certificate, 1967, 1968, 1972 [paper]
Internationale Maifestspiele Wiesbaden – 1971 [paper]
Chilean Critics Circle Award - Chile – 1973 [paper]
Membership Certificate from the National Society of Literature and Arts, 1974 [paper]
Certificate of Appreciation as a Visiting Artist at Harvard University, 1975 – 1976 [paper]
Proclamation for Alwin Nikolais week, December 3 – 10, 1978 by the State of Wisconsin [paper]
Membership Certificate from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, MA, 1978 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1979 [paper]
Clio Award of Excellence 1980 [paper]
Welcome certificate to the City of Cleveland Ohio, 1981 [paper]
Capezio Dance Award 1982 [paper]
Participant Olympic Arts Festival, Los Angeles, CA 1984 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1985 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1985 [paper]
Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award - Durham, NC – 1985 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate, Philadelphia College of Performing Arts, Pennsylvania, 1984 [paper]
National Medal of Arts 1987 [paper]
ISPAA Tiffany Award for Excellence 1988 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate, Colorado College, Colorado, 1988 [paper]
Grand Medaille De vermeil de la Ville de Paris - 1989 City of Paris [paper]
Proclamation of July 19, 1993 as Alwin Nikolais day in the city of New York [paper]
Newspaper Press and publications covering awards over various dates [folder]

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ISPAA (International Society of Performing Arts Administrators) Tiffany award for Excellence, 1988 [small glass sculpture]

ISPAA (International Society of Performing Arts Administrators) Tiffany award for Excellence, 1988 [oversize sculpture]

International LPKJ Lembaga Pendidikan Kesenian, Jakarta [Indonesia] no date [object, sculpture]

Box 3 Alwin Nikolais

Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award, Durham, NC, 1985 [object, sculpture]

United States National Medal of Arts, 1987 [object – medal]

Kennedy Center Alliance Award, Albany, New York, 1987 [object – silver dish]

Award for Excellence in Dance, The Matrix Midland Festival, 1988 [object – silver tray]

Box 4 Alwin Nikolais

Kennedy Center Honors Booklets: 1978, 1984, 1987 (2 copies), 1989

Kennedy Center Honors Correspondence [folder]

Kennedy Center Newsletters [folder]

National Medal of Arts Correspondence [folder]

Letters from friends and relatives about the Kennedy Center Honors [folder]

National Medal of Arts: Announcement, Acceptance [folder]

National Medal of Arts: Press [folder]

National Medal of Arts: Citation [folder]

Box 5 Alwin Nikolais

Dance Magazine Award, 1967 [object, medal]

Gold Medal, City of Wielki, 1967 [object, medal]

Gold Medal, Taiwan, 1969 [object, plaque]

2nd World Ballet Festival, 1979 [object, medal]

Gold Medal, City of Angers, France, 1981 [object, medal]

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Box 5 Alwin Nikolais (continued)

Key to the City of Cleveland, 1981 [object, key]
Visiting Artist Northwestern University, 1983 [object, sculpture]
Gold Medal, Aix en Provence, France, 1985 [object, medal]
Gold Medal, City of Lyon, France, 1986 [object, medal]
Vignale [Italy] Festival Award, 1987 [object, plaque]
60th National Dance Association Award, 1992 [object, framed plaque]
Key to the City of Galveston, Texas [no date] [object, medal]
Gold Medal, City of Clermont Ferrand, France [no date] [object, medal]
Gold Medal, City of Orleans, France [no date] [object, medal]
Comite official des fetes a Aix en Provence, France [no date] [object, medal]
Gold Medal, City of Arles, France [no date] [object, medal]
Ville d'Archachon [no date] [object, medal]
Medal [in Greek] [no date] [object, medal]

Box 6 Alwin Nikolais

National Museum of Dance Award, 2000 [object, oversize glass sculpture]

Box 7 Murray Louis

Diploma, Samuel Tildon High School, New York, New York, 1944 [paper]
Honorable Discharge, United States Navy, 1946 [paper]
Notice of Separation from US Naval Service, 1946 [paper]
Thank you letter from Harry Truman [paper]
Diploma, Bachelor of Science, New York University, 1951 [paper]
Transcript, New York University, 1951 [paper]
Henry Street Playhouse Certificate in Modern Dance, as Dancer, Teacher and
Choreographer, 1952 [paper]
Certificate of Appreciation, Indiana University, 1970 [paper]
Dance Magazine Award, 1977 [object, bowl]

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Grande Medaille de Vermeil de la Ville de Paris, 1979 [paper]
Grande Medaille de Vermeil de la Ville de Paris, 1979 [object, medal]
Chevalier de L'ordre des Arts et Des Lettres, 1983 [paper]
1986 World Exposition Vancouver, Canada [paper]
Festival International de Danse de Paris, 1987 [object, medal]
Honorary Degree Nomination Dossier of Murray Louis, compiled by Gladys Bailin Stearn,
containing Nomination form, letters, reviews, articles, speeches [2 folders]
Honorary Doctorate, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1999 [paper]
Honorary Doctorate, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2000 [paper]
Rutgers University, Testimonial to Murray Louis [paper]
Colorado Contemporary Dance Award [no date] [object, plaque]
Newspaper Press covering awards, various dates [folder]

Box 9 Murray Louis

Framed dedication of the Scripps/American Dance Festival award
DVD copy of the ceremony; DVD copy of the tribute;
two programs;
copy of the New York Times article announcing Murray's award;
The Herald-Sun article about the ceremony.

Box 10 Murray Louis

Certificate of commendation from Ohio University, 10/3/03
Framed Honorary Doctorate from Shenandoah University, 11/4/06.
Diploma;
Plaque from Dance Teacher magazine with article about honoring Murray Louis.
Informational packet with cd of performance at the Shenandoah Conservatory of Dance,
program, etc.

Box 11 Murray Louis

Hood for commencement ceremonies (to receive doctorate awards).
"Dance in the desert" t-shirt, Las Vegas, 2006.

Box 12 Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis

Facets Multimedia Inc. award for the International Poster Competition, 1987 [paper]
City of New York, Mayor Koch's Lincoln Center out of Doors Festival, 1987 [paper]1