



**Collection:** Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers Mss 181  
**Series: 9** **Costumed Figurines**

**Summary:** The Costumed Figurines series consist of 13 wooden costumed figures constructed by Frank Garcia, costume designer for the Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis dance companies. They depict the choreographic works by Alwin Nikolais. The figurines were used in the opening segment of the “World of Alwin Nikolais” video series. They are approximately 9” in height and contained in 2 boxes.

### Box 1

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| 1. <b>Allegory</b> (green and yellow with layers of circles)                | <b>1959</b> |
| 2. <b>Sanctum</b> (red jumpsuit with a white drape over top)                | <b>1964</b> |
| 3. <b>Vaudeville of the Elements</b> (Painted cardboard tubes)              | <b>1965</b> |
| 4. <b>Grotto</b> (colorful stripes, two white heads)                        | <b>1973</b> |
| 5. <b>Temple</b> (mesh on face; appears to have a black hole in the center) | <b>1974</b> |
| 6. <b>Arporisms</b> (silver jumpsuit with silver circular disks)            | <b>1977</b> |

### Box 2

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| 7. <b>Imago</b> (white with green stripes and a white rubber hat)       | <b>1963</b> |
| 8. <b>Imago</b> (white and purple with a white hat)                     | <b>1963</b> |
| 9. <b>Totem</b> (aluminum cylinders)                                    | <b>1965</b> |
| 10. <b>Vaudeville of the Elements</b> (white hoopskirt, hat, mesh face) | <b>1965</b> |
| 11. <b>Guignol</b> (white with black bands and dots and a white wig)    | <b>1977</b> |
| 12. <b>Gallery</b> (many colors with lots of green masks)               | <b>1978</b> |
| 13. <b>Gallery</b> (very colorful with a dart board on a stick)         | <b>1978</b> |