



Descriptive Summary

- A. Title: Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers
- B. Collection Number
 - 1. Accession Number acc. #00-4
 - 2. Manuscript Collection Number Mss 181
- C. Creator: Gift of Murray Louis
- D. Extent: 400 cubic feet
- E. Repository: Alden Library, Ohio University

Administrative Information [Preferred Citation]

- A. [Identification of item], Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers, Collection number: Alden Library, Ohio University
- B. Funding to preserve, arrange, describe and encode provided by Murray Louis, the National Initiative to Preserve America's Dance (NIPAD), the National Endowment for the Arts and by support from Ohio University.
- C. Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers are the gift of Murray Louis. Collection materials were first received in December of 1999 and regular transfers continue.
- D. All rights reside with the rights holder. All permissions must be obtained from the appropriate rights holder.

Scope and Contents

The Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers document the careers and dance companies of Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis. Their dance companies include the Murray Louis and Alwin Nikolais Dance Company, The Murray Louis Dance Company, the Nikolais Dance Theatre (1970's -), the Alwin Nikolais Dance Company (1960's) and the Playhouse Dance Company (1940's – 1950's).

The collection materials range in date from the 1920's through the present. Materials are arranged into 10 series including the administrative series, artistic series, awards, moving image series, personal library series, photographic series, press and promotion series, sound recording series, miscellaneous, and materials donated by other donors.

The Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers measures over 400 cubic feet. The collection is in multiple formats including paper, objects, photographs, films, videos, reel to reels and compact discs. Transfer of the collection from Murray Louis to Ohio University began in December 1999. Additional deposits continue to be received.