

## **Special Offering Ballet and Dance Archive of Photographs**



We offer a fine collection of almost 2,500\* ballet and dance photos. Almost all are large 8x10" studio-size photos, taken by professional photographers. These photographs include rehearsal, studio, and performance photographs of a majority of all the professional dancers who were active in the United States in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> -Century through the 1990s\*\* who danced in small and large ballet, experimental, or modern dance companies. A full list is attached.

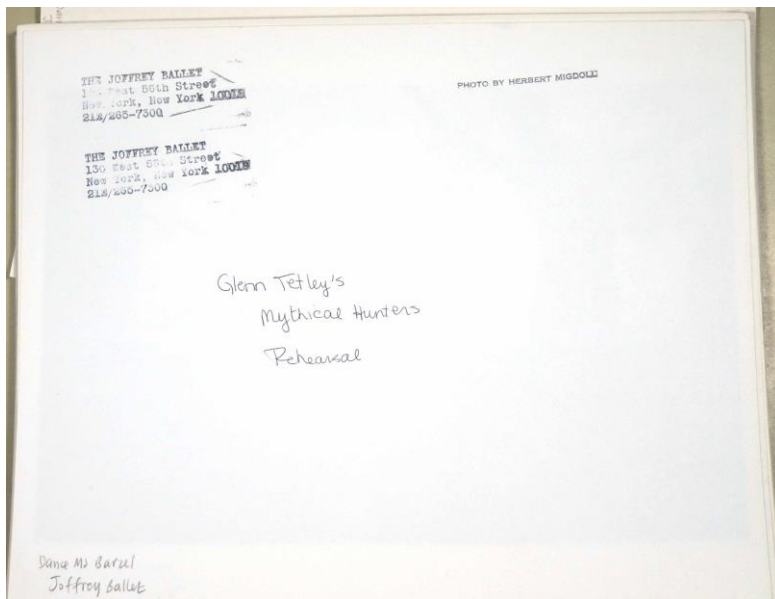
The photos are duplicates from the Ann Barzel collection at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Virtually all of the subjects in the photographs are identified on the reverse in pen or pencil by Barzel, who knew many of the subjects herself. Often identified are the date and place of performance and often title of the ballet in which the subject performed. Some photographs date back to the 1920s while most are from the 1950s-1990s.

All the photos are contemporary to the times of the actual performances in which their subjects appeared. Many are from the Maurice Seymour studio in Chicago (with duplicates); many of the other photographers are identified.

Ann Barzel (December 13, 1905 – February 12, 2007) was an American writer, critic and lecturer on dance. After a career as a dancer, she lectured on dance history at the University of Chicago, Columbia College Chicago, and many other institutions. During this time, she was also making a regular career out of reviewing dance, theatre, and nightclub events in Chicago. Barzel was a founder of the Ballet Guild of Chicago. In 1979, she was granted the Governor's Award for service to the arts. She was placed on the lifetime honors list by the Chicago Dance Arts Coalition in 1986, was recipient of the 1994 Vaslav Nijinsky Medal sponsored by the Polish Artists Agency in Warsaw, and was sole honoree at the 1995 "Toast" to the Cultural Center, sponsored by Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs.



Sample of photos – Joffrey Ballet



Sample of Barzel's Annotation on Verso

\*Our count: 2,477.

\*\* Gene Kelly is a notable exception.

This collection is offered en bloc for \$7,500.00 plus shipping (estimated \$100)