Summary

Creator: Alovert, Nina

Title: Nina Alovert photographs

Date: 1960-1993

Size: 0.46 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Donated by Nina Alovert in 1995.

Abstract: Nina Alovert is a ballet photographer known for her photographs of Mikhail Baryshnikov. Her collection holds photographs of ballet performances in Russia, the United States, and Europe dating from 1960 to 1993. Many of the images depict productions by the Kirov Ballet.


Language of the Material: English

Processing note: Processed by Heather Lember in 2022.

Creator History

Nina Alovert was born in Russia in 1935, attended Leningrad State University, and earned a Master of Arts degree in history. Her interest in ballet led to work as a photographer with the Kirov Ballet in the 1950s, where she first photographed Mikhail Baryshnikov. Alovert moved to the United States in 1977, and worked as a freelance photographer and critic with both Dance Magazine and Ballet Review. She has published numerous books of her photographs, and was the photographer for the Emmy Award winning production, Wolf Trap Presents The Kirov: Swan Lake in 1986.

Scope and Content Note

The collection dates from 1960 to 1993 and holds photographs of ballet performances and dancers.
taken by Alovert. The photographs are arranged alphabetically by production title or dancer name, and features images of rehearsals and performances in Russia, Europe, and the United States. The back of each print contains detailed handwritten labels indicating the date, performance name, individuals depicted, venue name, and location. Some of the productions depicted include *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Apollo*, *Carmen*, *Daphnis and Chloe*, *Fiesta*, *Giselle*, *La Bayadère*, *Petrushka*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Among the dancers depicted are Altynai Asylmuratova, Janna Ayupova, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Veronika Ivanova, Alexander Kurkov, Andris Liepa, Yulia Makhalina, Farukh Ruzimatov, Natalia Tenyakova, Mikhail Volkov, Konstantin Zaklinsky, and Igor Zelensky.

**Key Terms**

**Subjects**
Ballet -- 20th century  
Ballet dancers -- Photographs  
Dance -- Russia

**Occupations**
Photographers.

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Photographs

**Names**
Alovert, Nina  
Baryshnikov, Mikhail, 1948-
Container List

b. 2 f. 1  Adagio 1989
Contains a photograph of Farukh Ruzimatov from the Kirov Ballet's tour.

b. 1 f. 1  Antony and Cleopatra 1968
Contains a photograph of Alla Osipenko at Maly Theatre for Opera and Ballet in Russia.

b. 1 f. 2-3  Apollo 1987
Contains a photograph of Andris Liepa, Altnay Asylmuratova, and Konstantin Zaklinsky.

b. 1 f. 4  Carmen 1960, 1988
Contains photographs of Mikhail Baryshnikov, Zizi Jeanmaire, and Natalia Makarova.

b. 1 f. 5  Daphnis and Chloe 1973-1974
Contains a photograph of Mikhail Baryshnikov rehearsing with the Kirov Ballet.

b. 1 f. 6  Don Quichotte 1989
Contains photographs of a performance by the Kirov Ballet.

b. 2 f. 5  Esmeralda 1993
Contains a photograph of Yulia Makhalina.

b. 1 f. 7-8  Fiesta 1984
Contains photographs of Mikhail Baryshnikov, Natalia Tenyakova, and Mikhail Volkov.

b. 2 f. 6  Firebird 1993
Contains a photograph of Ekaterina Kaltovskaya.

b. 1 f. 9-15  Giselle 1968-1992
Contains photographs of Altnay Asylmuratova, Janna Ayupova, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Natalia Bessmertnova, Veronika Ivanova, Natalia Makarova, Yulia Makhalina, Farukh Ruzimatov, Makhar Vazijev, and Igor Zelensky.

b. 1 f. 16  Knight in the Tiger Skin 1987
Contains photographs of Farukh Ruzimatov performing with the Kirov Ballet.

b. 1 f. 17-18  La Bayadère 1992-1993
Contains photographs of Alexander Kurkov and Altnay Asylmuratova.

b. 2 f. 13  Le Corsaire 1989
Contains a photograph of Dmitry Korneev performing with the Kirov Ballet.

b. 1 f. 19-20  Legend of Love 1993

b. 1 f. 21  Lunev, Aleksandr 1987-1988
 Contains a photograph from a Kirov Company tour.

b. 2 f. 14  Master and Margaret 1987
Contains a photograph of Valery Mikhailovsky performing with the Boris Eifman Company of Contemporary Dance.

b. 1 f. 22  The Mud 1987
Contains photographs of Nina Ananiashvili and Andris Liepa performing at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, Russia.

b. 1 f. 23  Othello 1960
Contains a photograph of Sviatoslav Kusnetsov performing with the Kirov Ballet.

b. 1 f. 25  Petrushka 1990
Contains photographs of Andris Liepa.

b. 2 f. 15-17  Queen of Space 1978
Contains a photograph of Mikhail Baryshnikov.

b. 1 f. 24  Raymonda 1993
Contains a photograph of Dimitri Korneev.

b. 1 f. 25  The Ring into the Ring 1993
Contains a photograph of Igor Zelensky performing at the Berlin Opera.
b. 1 f. 26-27  *Romeo and Juliet* 1973-1987
Contains photographs of Nikita Dolgushin and Andris Liepa.

b. 1 f. 28  *The Stone Flower* 1992
Contains a photograph of Anna Polykarpova.

b. 1 f. 29  *Swan Lake* 1993
Contains a photograph of Yulia Makhalina and Alexander Kurkov performing at the Metropolitan Opera.

b. 1 f. 30  *Tango is a Slice of 30th* 1992
Contains a photograph of Yuriy Fateev and Irina Tchistyakova.

b. 2 f. 19  Zaklinsky, Konstantin 1992