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## BALLET INTERNATIONALE MATERIALS 1958-2006

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ballet Internationale Indianapolis, originally called Indianapolis Ballet Theater, was formed in 1973 but has a history spanning back to 1959. Originally formed as the Civic Ballet Company of Indianapolis, it was an official school branch of the American Ballet Theater in New York. It eventually fell into financial struggle, dissolving as a performance group, but joining with Butler's Ballet Society to form the Civic Ballet Society, Inc. in 1962. In the 1970s, the company saw numerous budget changes. The student dancers became unable to devote enough time to the company. The decision was then made to hire professional dancers, as well as a full-time director. With George Verdak directing full-time, tour engagement grew, along with funds. By 1973, the society had now emerged as Indianapolis Ballet Theater. In 1981, the Indianapolis Ballet Theater Wing was created as an official volunteer support group. Wing was governed by a board of directors and committee chairs. It organized numerous events to help IBT and also issued a newsletter titled "Wingtips." IBT later took on Eldar Aliev as art director, who changed its name to Ballet Internationale. By 2005, the company experienced financial difficulties yet again and was forced to close.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection contains color photographs, roughly between 1986 and 2001. The photos are from numerous meetings, dinners, events, and fundraisers for Ballet Internationale, most of which were taken by Ellie Stanley. The collection also contains documents for the Ballet under its varying names, correspondence, newsletters, articles relating to the Ballet's performances, season and show programs, event flyers, and 4 small posters.

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