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Title: The Junk Ensemble Papers
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CONTEXT

Name of Creator: Junk Ensemble.

Administrative History: Junk Ensemble was co-founded in 2004 by its current Artistic Directors Megan and Jessica Kennedy to create works of brave and innovative dance theatre. Its productions have toured nationally and internationally and are the recipients of many awards, including Jane Snow Award for Excellence and Innovation 2007 for *The Rain Party*; Culture Ireland Touring Award 2008 for *Drinking Dust*, and Absolut Fringe Festival Best Production Award 2011 for *Bird with Boy*. In addition, Jessica Kennedy was honoured with Best Female Performer Award at the 2006 Dublin Fringe Festival. In 2012, Junk Ensemble became artists in residence for Tate Modern in Britain.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donated by Junk Ensemble to the National Dance Archive of Ireland on 5 December 2011.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: The collection comprises posters, flyers, programmes, press cuttings, and recordings relating to the dance works created by Junk Ensemble.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are possible.

System of Arrangement: The documents have been divided into four series by dance work and thereunder grouped by form and arranged chronologically by date.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to all items.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

Language/ Scripts of Material: English, except for N42/2/3, which is in French.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Paper documents and DVDs in good condition. Items **N42/1/2**, **2/5**, and **3/3** require a DVD player.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the Special Collections and Archives Department, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note: Papers arranged and described by Anna-Maria Hajba.

Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000; *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*, 2009; *National Council on Archives: Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, 1997; and *EAP Guidance on Data Protection for Archive Services*, 2018.

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1 THE RAIN PARTY, 2007

- 1/1 September 2007
Postcard promoting performances of the outdoor site-specific dance work *The Rain Party* as part of Dublin Fringe Festival on 10-22 September 2007.
1 item
- 1/2 [September 2007?]
DVD containing recordings of a daytime and night-time performance of *The Rain Party* in Dublin [in September 2007?]. Duration 00:22:53 and 00:23:40, respectively.
1 item
- 1/3 9 February 2007 (date of originals)
Printed versions of press reviews in *The Irish Times* and *Metro* of a performance of *The Rain Party* at the Cultivate Centre, Dublin.
2 items

2 DRINKING DUST, 2008

- 2/1 April-November 2009
Posters promoting performances of *Drinking Dust* in Scotland, Ireland, Poland, and France in April-November 2009, with brief biographies of the performers on the reverse. One item outside.
2 items
- 2/2 September 2009
Postcard promoting performances of *Drinking Dust* on 9-20 September 2009 as part of Dublin Dance Festival.
1 item
- 2/3 September-December 2009
Programme of events at Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris in September-December 2009. Contains an entry for performances of *Drinking Dust* on 20-21 November. In French.
20 pp.

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- 2/4 [c. 2009?]
Business card with company contact details, bearing images of Junk Ensemble performing in *Drinking Dust*.
1 item
- 2/5 2008
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Drinking Dust* (duration 00:38:05); a short promo (00:02:34), and a short performance entitled *Bonus Box* (00:05:47).
1 item
- 2/6 September 2008 (date of originals)
Two printed reviews and one photocopy of a review from *The Irish Times*, *Irish Theatre Magazine*, and *Metro* of performances of *Drinking Dust* during Dublin Dance Festival.
2 pp.
- 2/7 2008 (date of original)
Colour photocopy of a section of *The Irish Times* weekend review page, listing the highlights of Irish Arts events in 2008, including a reference to performances of *Drinking Dust*.
1 p.
- 2/8 July 2009 (retrieved 13 November 2011)
Printed version of a review published in *Dance Europe* of a performance of *Drinking Dust* during Dublin Dance Festival in May 2009.
1 p.

3 FIVE WAYS TO DROWN, 2010

- 3/1 May 2010
Flyer promoting performances of *Five Ways to Drown* at Project Arts Centre on 8-9 May 2010 as part of Dublin Dance Festival.
1 item
- 3/2 May 2010
Show programme of performances of *Five Ways to Drown* at Project Arts Centre on 8-9 May 2010 as part of Dublin Dance Festival.
18 pp.

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- 3/3 [2010]
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Five Ways to Drown* (duration 00:48:22) and a short promo (00:03:35).
1 item
- 3/4 11 May 2010 (retrieved 13 November 2011)
Page printed from Junk Ensemble website with comments made by arts editors, presenters, and critics about *Five Ways to Drown*.
1 p.
- 3/5 11 May 2010 (date of original)
Printed version of a review in *The Irish Times* of a performance of *Five Ways to Drown* at Project Arts Centre during Dublin Dance Festival.
1 p.
- 3/6 12 May 2010 (retrieved 11 November 2011)
Printed versions of reviews in *The Evening Herald* and *The Irish Independent* of a performance of *Five Ways to Drown* at Project Arts Centre during Dublin Dance Festival.
2 items
- 3/7 19 May 2010 (retrieved 13 November 2011)
Printed version of a review in *Irish Theatre Magazine* of a performance of *Five Ways to Drown* at Project Arts Centre during Dublin Dance Festival.
2 pp.

4 BIRD WITH BOY, 2011

- 4/1 September [2011]
Poster promoting performances of *Bird with Boy* at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin on 12-20 September as part of Absolut Fringe Festival. Outsize.
1 item
- 4/2 September [2011]
Flyer promoting performances of *Bird with Boy* at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin on 12-20 September as part of Absolut Fringe Festival.
1 item
- 4/3 3 September 2011
Irish Times Magazine containing an interview with Junk Ensemble who discuss their latest choreography, *Bird with Boy*.
1 item

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- 4/4** 13 September 2011 (retrieved 13 November 2011)
Printed version of a review in *Irish Theatre Magazine* of a performance of *Bird with Boy* at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin.
1 item
- 4/5** 17 September 2011 (retrieved 13 November 2011)
Printed version of a review in *The Sunday Times* of a performance of *Bird with Boy* at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin.
1 item
- 4/6** [c. September 2011] (date of original)
Colour photocopy of a press review of a performance of *Bird with Boy* at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin.
1 item