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**Title:** The Mary Mulcahy Collection

**Dates of Creation:** 2012

**Level of Description:** Fonds

**Extent and Medium:** 1 item

## **CONTEXT**

**Name of Creator(s):** Mulcahy, Mary and Foley, Dr Catherine.

**Biographical History:** Mary Anne Mulcahy (née O’Keeffe) was born in 1927 in Mallow and first became interested in Irish dancing at the age of seven as a pupil of Joan Denise Moriarty, then the only Irish dancing teacher in the area. She later trained with Cormac O’Keeffe in Cork city. Having acquired teaching qualifications c. 1947, she established the Mulcahy School of Irish Dancing, which is now run by her daughter Breda. She also qualified as an adjudicator c. 1966. Mary Mulcahy remains well known in the Irish dancing circles and continues to travel around the world with pupils of the Mulcahy School of Irish Dancing.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Donated by Dr Catherine Foley to the National Dance Archive of Ireland on 30 October 2012.

## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

**Scope and Content:** DVD containing a recording of an interview by Dr Catherine Foley with Mary Mulcahy, relating to Mulcahy’s Irish dancing career.

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

**Accruals:** Accruals are possible.

**System of Arrangement:** N/A.

## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

**Conditions Governing Access:** Unrestricted access to item.

**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.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** DVD in good condition. The item requires a PC or laptop with VLC Media Player, Windows Media Player or RealPlayer.

**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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Interview by Dr Catherine Foley with Mary Mulcahy recorded at University College Cork. The interview revolves around Mary Mulcahy's early interest in Irish dancing as a pupil of Joan Denise Moriarty, the feiseanna of her youth, her career as an Irish dancer, teacher, adjudicator and examiner, her Irish dancing school in Mallow, the changing trends in Irish dancing costumes, and the split between An Comhdháil and An Coimisiún. Duration 00:17:01.

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