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CONTEXT

Name of Creator(s): Grant, Deirdre (b. 1971) and Myriad Dance.

Biographical and Administrative History: Deirdre Grant was born in Wexford and was first introduced to contemporary dance in that town in 1984, when she joined the Barefoot Youth Dance Company. She later gained a BA in Dance with Education from Middlesex University, London, undertook post-graduate training in Community and Youth Dance, and has recently trained with Joan Davis (Certificate of Somatic Studies). In 1999, she co-founded Myriad Dance with Brid Malone, and remains the company's artistic director. Grant is the author of *Are We Dancing Yet*, published by Wexford County Council in December 2011.

Myriad Dance successfully promoted dance awareness, participation, and appreciation regionally through various dance performance-based initiatives (mainly site specific works) and development initiatives, including the Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival and the Pulse Youth Dance Programme (2001-2008) in partnership with Wexford County Council. The latter was expanded in 2009 and continued to operate under the name Education and Community Programme @ Myriad as the largest youth dance partnership with a local authority in Ireland. In July 2009, Myriad Dance moved into the newly built Wexford Opera House, in which they were one of two resident dance companies. Over the years, the dance company's intense focus in youth and education left it at odds with its original role as a production company. As a consequence, the dance company was wound down in 2015.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donated by Deirdre Grant to the National Dance Archive of Ireland on 12 July 2011. Additional items received on 1 November 2011.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: Postcards, programmes, flyers, and DVDs illustrating the activities of Myriad Dance and County Wexford Youth Dance Company.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained except for a small number of duplicates, which have been destroyed.

Accruals: Accruals are possible.

System of Arrangement: Arranged into three series reflecting the activities to which they relate (workshops and publicity material; Myriad Dance productions; and Youth Dance productions) and thereunder 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.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Paper documents and DVDs in good condition. Items N22/2/3/1-2, 2/4/1, 2/6/2, 2/7/2, 2/8/3, 2/10/3, 3/1/5, 3/2/1, and 3/3/1 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

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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 WORKSHOPS AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL (2006-2009)

- 1/1 April 2006
Brochure and schedule of a Choreographic Labs Platform presented by Myriad Dance and the US-based Canyon Movement Company in Wexford on 19-22 April 2006.
2 items
- 1/2 April 2007
Postcard promoting *Innerscapes*, a choreographic workshops platform presented by Myriad Dance in association with Dance Ireland in Wexford on 10-13 April 2007.
1 item
- 1/3 April 2008
Flyer promoting *Innerscapes*, a choreographic workshops platform presented by Myriad Dance in association with Dance Ireland in Wexford on 24-28 April 2008.
1 item
- 1/4 April 2009
Postcard promoting *Innerscapes*, a choreographic workshops platform presented by Myriad Dance in association with Dance Ireland at Wexford Opera House on 14-17 April 2009.
1 item
- 1/5 [c. 2006-2009?]
Postcard seeking individuals to join the mailing list of Myriad Dance for free monthly newsletters, updates, and special offers.
2 items

2 MYRIAD DANCE PRODUCTIONS (2000-2010)

2.1 Short Cuts and Storylines, 2000

- 2/1/1 November 2000
Flyer promoting performances of *Short Cuts and Storylines* by Myriad Dance at Presentation Convent Concert Hall, Wexford on 1-4 November 2000.
- 1 item

2.2 In an Instant..., 2001

- 2/2/1 November [2001]
Flyer promoting performances of *In an Instant...* by Myriad Dance at Dun Mhuire Theatre, Wexford on 31 October-3 November, and Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford on 7 November [2001].
- 1 item

- 2/2/2 November [2001]
Programme of performances of *In an Instant...* by Myriad Dance at Dun Mhuire Theatre, Wexford on 31 October-3 November, and Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford on 7 November [2001]. Incorporates a choreographer's note and brief biographies of the performers.
- 1 item

2.3 Scramble!, 2002

- 2/3/1 October 2002
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Scramble!* at The Bullring, Wexford between 26 and 28 October 2002. The work was choreographed by Deirdre Grant and performed by Jenny Whelan, Maggie Harvey, and Janet O'Connor of Myriad Dance. Duration 00:22:00. With a related DVD cover.
- 2 items

- 2/3/2 June 2003
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Scramble!* in the town centre of Carlow as part of the Eigse Arts Festival on 13-14 June 2003. Duration 00:26:00. With a related DVD cover.
- 2 items

2.4 Mutation, 2004

2/4/1 June 2004
DVD containing a recording of the premiere of *Mutation* at St Patrick's College, Carlow as part of the Eigse Arts Festival on 16-19 June 2004. The work was choreographed by Deirdre Grant and performed by Jessica Kennedy, Jenny Whelan, and Anne Burke. Duration 00:24:00. A scratch on the surface of the DVD affects the recording at 00:15:00. With a related DVD cover.

2 items

2/4/2 October [2004]
Flyer promoting an autumn tour of *Mutation* by Myriad Dance in counties Mayo, Wexford, and Tipperary in October [2004].

1 item

2.5 Adaptations of a Meeting, 2005

2/5/1 Autumn 2005
Brochure promoting an autumn tour of *Adaptations of a Meeting* choreographed by Ella Clarke and performed by Myriad Dance, with no detail of venues or dates.

1 item

2.6 Behind the Eyes Lies Bone, 2006

2/6/1 August-September [2006]
Brochure promoting an autumn tour of *Behind the Eyes Lies Bone*, choreographed by Ella Clarke and performed by Myriad Dance in Ballina, Sligo, Dublin, Monaghan, Naas, and Drogheda between 31 August and 26 September [2006].

1 item

2/6/2 August-September [2006]
DVD containing a recording of a performance of Ella Clarke's choreography *Behind the Eye Lies Bone* by Shelly Herring, Aine Stapleton, and Jessica Kennedy of Myriad Dance at Project Arts Centre during Dublin Fringe Festival. Duration 00:43:00. With a related DVD cover.

2 items

2.7 Ruins, 2007

2/7/1 June 2007
Flyer promoting performances of *Ruins* by Myriad Dance at Selskar Abbey, Wexford on 2-9 June 2007.

1 item

2/7/2 June 2007
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Ruins* created by Deirdre Grant and presented by Myriad Dance at Selskar Abbey, Wexford on 6-12 June 2007. Duration 00:53:00. With a related DVD cover.

2 items

2.8 Authenticity, 2008

2/8/1 November 2008
Flyer promoting a performance of *Authenticity* by Myriad Dance at Wexford Arts Centre on 30 November 2008.

1 item

2/8/2 30 November 2008
Programme of the Irish premiere of *Authenticity* at Wexford Arts Centre on 30 November 2008. The dance work was created and performed by Deirdre Grant. The evening also featured solo performances of *The Ridge* by Emma Fitzgerald and *The Runner* by Áine Stapleton. The programme contains background notes to the performances and brief biographies of the dancers.

8 pp.

2/8/3 2008
DVD containing a recording of a performance by Deirdre Grant of her choreography *Authenticity* at Wexford Arts Centre on 30 November 2008, re-edited in 2011. Duration 00:37:06. With a related DVD cover.

2 items

2.9 One Penny Operas, 2009

2/9/1 August-September [2009]
Flyer promoting *One Penny Operas*, a series of evolving dance performances created by Wolfgang Hoffmann with Daniel Weaver and presented by Myriad Dance at Wexford Opera House on 19-22 August and Absolut Fringe Festival, Dublin on 7-11 September [2009].

1 item

2.10 Project 101, 2010

- 2/10/1** July 2010
Flyer promoting *Project 101*, part of an outdoor series by Myriad Dance celebrating under-utilised public spaces in Wexford. The performance took place at Redmond Memorial Park between 2 and 4 July 2010.
1 item
- 2/10/2** July 2010
Programme of *Project 101* performed at Redmond Memorial Park in Wexford on 2-4 July 2010, with background notes to the dance work.
8 pp.
- 2/10/3** July 2010
DVD containing a recording of a performance of *Project 101* created by Deirdre Grant and performed by Monika Bieniek, Michael Cooney, Selma Daniels, and Jess Rowell with various youth dance and community groups in Redmond Park, Wexford in July 2010. Duration 00:13:00. With a related documentary, duration 00:07:00, and a related DVD cover.
3 items

3 YOUTH DANCE PRODUCTIONS (2007-2011)

3.1 Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival, 2007-2011

- 3/1/1** October 2007
Programme of Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival presented by Myriad Dance at various venues in Wexford on 26-28 October 2007.
12 pp.
- 3/1/2** October 2007
Programme of the Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival Gala Show at St Michael's Theatre, New Ross on 28 October 2007.
12 pp.
- 3/1/3** November 2008
Programme of Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival presented by Myriad Dance at various venues in Wexford on 29-30 November 2008.
12 pp.

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3/1/4 November 2008
Fold-out programme of Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival presented by Myriad Dance at Wexford Opera House on 29 November 2008.
1 item

3/1/5 29 November 2008
DVD containing a recording of a Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival showcase performance at Wexford Opera House on 29 November 2008 under the artistic creatorship of Deirdre Grant. The repertoire includes *Dream Landscapes* by County Wexford Youth Dance Company; *Beside Myself* by Offaly Youth Dance; *Body Count* by Kerry Youth Dance Theatre; *Speaking of Love: Word, Image, Movement* by New Moon Youth Dance Company (Cork); *Heaven's Door' Excerpt from Mere Mortals* by Dublin Youth Dance Company; *Perpetual Motion* by WYDmoves (Waterford); *Isadora Door* by Cois Céim Creative Steps (Dublin); and *D'un Coup d'Oeil* by County Wexford Youth Dance Company. Duration 01:13:00. With a related DVD cover.
2 items

3/1/6 February 2011
Flyer promoting Sonraigh Youth Dance Festival at Wexford Opera House on Saturday 12 February 2011 as a Myriad Dance presentation.
1 item

3.2 Breaking Boundaries, 2010

3/2/1 10 April 2010
DVD containing a recording of the final performance of *Breaking Boundaries*, a new dance piece created by members of County Wexford Youth Dance Company in collaboration with a group of young dancers from Ghent Academy of Performing Arts at Wexford Opera House on 10 April 2010. The repertoire includes *Living Room* (created by Joke Verlinden); *Krak* (created by Karen Houthoof); *Encounters*; *After Hours*; *Connected*; *Energies*; and *Breaking Boundaries*. Duration 00:45:00. With a related documentary entitled *Breaking Boundaries. A Belgian-Irish Youth Dance Exchange, Wexford, Ireland 2010*. Duration 00:29:00. With a related DVD cover.
3 items

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3.3 Off Your Trolley, 2011

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2011

DVD containing a recording of a short dance film entitled *Off Your Trolley*, choreographed by Deirdre Grant, directed by Terence White, and performed by dancers from the County Wexford Youth Dance Company. Duration 00:05:00. With a related DVD cover.

2 items

4 PUBLICATIONS (2011)

4/1

2011

Grant, Deirdre. *Are We Dancing Yet? Making Dance in Co. Wexford, Ireland 2001-2011*. Wexford: Myriad Dance/ Wexford County Council, 2011.

3 items (36 pp. each)