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**Title:** The Brenda Springer Collection  
**Dates of Creation:** 2012  
**Level of Description:** Fonds  
**Extent and Medium:** 1 item

**CONTEXT**

**Name of Creator(s):** Springer, Brenda and Foley, Dr Catherine.

**Biographical History:** Brenda Springer (née Boylan) was born in 1942 in Mallow and joined Mary Mulcahy's School of Irish Dancing at the age of three. She later trained with Maureen Nugent, Maureen Howell, and Tommy Cullen, and in 1965 gained her teaching qualifications. She established the Springer School of Dancing in Mallow, which trained children for Irish dancing competitions, and the Mallow International Folk Dancers, which consisted of older dancers interested in performing rather than competing. In the early 1980s she gave up teaching and became an adjudicator, in which capacity she has travelled around the world. She remains a well-known figure in the Irish dancing circles.

**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 Brenda Springer, relating to Springer'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 Brenda Springer recorded at University College Cork. The interview revolves around Brenda Springer's early interest in Irish dancing; her career as Irish dancer, teacher, and adjudicator; the importance of music and rhythm to Irish dancing; and the changes evident in the development of Irish dancing in recent years. Duration 00:17:03.

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