

Dance Subject Guide

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Background Information

Dictionaries

Dictionary of Ballet Terms. London: A & C Black, c1997. GV 1585 .K45 1997 Main stacks

Glossarist dance glossaries and dictionaries

Provides access to over 30 online dictionaries and glossaries devoted to dance.

Modern Dance Terminology. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton Book Co., c1997. GV 1585 .L65 1997x
. Main Stacks

Oxford Dictionary of Dance. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. GV 1585 C78 2000
Main Reference

Tap Dance Dictionary. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, c1998. GV 1794 .K66 1998 Main Stacks

Technical Manual and Dictionary of Classical Ballet New York : **Dover Publications,**
1982. 3d revised ed. GV1787 .G68 1982 main stax

Encyclopedias

Encyclopædia Britannica (Available only to UA Students, Faculty, & Staff)

Concise as well as scholarly articles on a wide range of subjects.

Garland Encyclopedia of World Music. New York : Garland Pub., 1998-2000. ML100 .G16
1998. Music Reference.

While the focus is primarily on music, there is some information on dances around the world.
Check in the chapter for the country and in the index for dance information.

International Dictionary of Ballet. Detroit: St. James Press, c1993. GV1585 .I57 1993. 2
volumes. Main Ref.

International Encyclopedia of Dance. (A print version of this Encyclopedia will be available
for a short time in the Information Commons)

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians (online version)

Useful for finding information on ballet and modern dance, plus music related to the dance.

Handbooks and Histories

Ballet & modern dance : a concise history. Princeton, N.J. : Princeton Book Co., c1986. GV1787 .A467 1986. Main Stacks.

Ballet Guide: Backgrounds, Listings Credits and Descriptions for more than five hundred of the world's major ballets. New York: Dodd, Mead, c1976. GV1790.A1 T47 Main Ref.

A ballet-maker's handbook : sources, vocabulary, styles GV1782.5.L38 T64 1991 Main Stax

Complete Guide to Modern Dance. The. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1976. GV1783.M26 Main Stacks

The dance in America. New York, Harper & Row [1971] GV1623 .T4 1971 Main Stacks

Dance History: A Methodology for Study. London: Dance Books, 1983. GV1603 .D25 1983. Main stacks.

Simon and Schuster Book of the Ballet: A complete guide, 1581 to the present. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1980. GV17876. B275313. Main Ref.

The square dance and contra dance handbook : calls, dance movements, music, glossary, bibliography, discography, and directories. Jefferson, N.C. : McFarland & Co., c1996. GV1763 .G86 1996. Main Stacks

Research Guides

Ballet Plot Index: A Guide to Locating Plots and Associated Materials. New York: Garland, 1987. GV1790.A1 S77 1987. Main Ref.

Dance Research Resources: Finding Aids for Archival Collections

The Humanities : a selective guide to information sources. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 2000Z6265 .B53 2000 AZ221 Main Ref.

The Performing Arts: A Guide to the Reference Literature. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 1994. PN 1584 .S56 1994. Main Ref.

Research in dance : a guide to resources / by Mary S. Bopp GV1594 .B66 1994 Main Ref.

Citation Guides

Citation Guides for Print & Electronic Resources from the UA Library
Examples of citations for MLA, APA, and Chicago Styles, as well as links to subject specific citation styles.

Finding Books

Catalogs

New York Public Library Online Catalog

The online catalog of the New York Public library provides access to one of the world's best collections of dance materials. Included are books, videos, and article citations. Materials not owned by the UA Library can be requested via [Interlibrary Loan](#).

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress Online Catalog contains approximately 12 million records representing books, serials, computer files, manuscripts, cartographic materials, music, sound recordings, and visual materials. Useful for researchers looking for hard to find information. Some materials available through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

RLIN

A comprehensive union catalog for everything from books and serials to archives, manuscripts, maps, music scores, sound recordings, films, photographs, posters, and computer files from the advent of printing to the present, reflecting the collections of major research and academic libraries. Some materials available through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

The UA Library Catalog

Use this source for finding books in the University of Arizona Library system.

Worldcat

A catalog of records for all type of material cataloged by libraries throughout the world. Includes records for manuscripts written as early as the 12th century as well as records for books, journals, software, etc. created last week. This database is updated daily. Some materials available through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

Bibliographies

The American Indian ghost dance, 1870 and 1890 : an annotated bibliography. New York : Greenwood Press, 1991. E98.D2 O87 1991. Main stacks

Arts in America: A Bibliography. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian, 1980 3 vols. Z5961 .U5 A77. Main Ref.

Bibliographic guide to dance. New York Public Library. Dance Collection. Z7514.D2 N462a Main Ref. (annual)

A bibliography of Chicano and Mexican dance, drama, and music. Oxnard, Calif., Colegio Quetzalcoatl [1972] ML120.M5 H8 1972a Music Ref

A bibliography of the dance collection of Doris Niles & Serge Leslie. London: C.W. Beaumont, 1966-1981. Z7514.D2 L4. Main Stacks.

Black Dance: An Annotated Bibliography. New York: Garland, 1989. GV 1595. A33 1989 Main Stacks.

Completed Research in Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Reston, Va.: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 1981-1994. GV201 .A5 Main Ref. Includes dissertations.

A core collection in dance. Z7514.D2 C685 2001 GV1594 Chicago : The Association, 2001. Main stacks.

Dance: An Annotated Bibliography, 1965-1982. New York: Garland, 1986. GV 1594. F67 1986. Main Stacks.

Music and Dance of the World's Religions: A Comprehensive, annotated bibliography of Materials in the English Language. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press, 1996. ML128 .S17 R87 1996. Music Library stacks.

Native American Folklore, 1879-1979: An Annotated Bibliography. Athens, Ohio : Swallow Press, c1984. E98.F6 C58 1984 Main Ref

The Native American Sun Dance religion and ceremony : an annotated bibliography. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1998.Z1209.83.G73 W45 1998 Main stacks.

Resources in sacred dance : annotated bibliography from Christian and Jewish traditions : books, booklets and pamphlets, articles and serial publications, media, and reference sources. Peterborough, N.H. : Sacred Dance Guild, c1991. GV1783.5 .R38 1991. Main stacks.

Theatrical movement : a bibliographical anthology. Metuchen, N.J. : Scarecrow Press, 1986.PN2071.G4 T46 1986 Main Stacks

Twentieth-century American music for the dance : a bibliography. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1996. ML128.D3 E44 1996 Music Library

Finding Articles & Performance Reviews

International Index to the Performing Arts

IIPA covers the disciplines of dance, film, drama/theater, stagecraft, broadcast arts, circus performance, comedy, storytelling, pantomime, puppetry, magic, and the performance business.

Index to Dance Periodicals. Boston, Mass. : G.K. Hall & Co., 1992- Z7514.D2 I53 Main Ref. Data taken from: New York Public Library. Dance Collection. Dictionary catalog of the Dance Collection, and: New York Public Library. Dance Collection. Bibliographic guide to dance.

Academic Search Complete

Multidisciplinary database that includes some full-text articles. Includes coverage of coverage of

The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and The Christian Science Monitor. Indexing from 1980, any full-text dates from 1992.

General OneFile

Interdisciplinary information for social sciences, humanities, and non-technical sciences. Indexes 1400 journals, magazines of interest plus The New York Times. Coverage: some begins from 1984. Citations only, no full-text.

Physical education index. (annual hardbound) GV341 .P492 Main Ref.

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature: AI3 .R48 Information Commons Reference.
Consult this source for information before 1963 and from 1983 on.

Reader's Guide Retrospective

Includes references to actors, actresses, directors, and other people in the film and television industries. The current coverage includes the years 1963 through 1982.

Arts & Humanities Citation Index

Multidisciplinary database through cited authors. On-line edition coverage begins 1990; earlier coverage in print volumes at Z5937 A788 Main Ref.

Dissertations and Theses--Full Text (Proquest)

Index of all doctoral dissertations and some master's theses from most North American and many European colleges and universities. Dissertations published from 1980 forward include 350-word abstracts written by the author. Master's theses published from 1988 forward include 150-word abstracts.

Includes full text of dissertations from 1996 to present. NOTE: Some full text is not available due to restrictions placed by the author, patents pending or problems regarding use of copyrighted material without permission.

Ethnic Newswatch

Full-text articles from the ethnic and minority press in America, covering over 180 newspapers and magazines, representing African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano, Jewish, Native American, Arab American, and European American history and culture. Coverage: 1990 - Present.

Humanities International Complete

Index of the humanities literature, including archaeology, art, classical studies, folklore, history, journalism, language and literature, linguistics, performing arts, political criticism, philosophy, and religion. Coverage: 1984 to present.

LEXIS-NEXIS ACADEMIC UNIVERSE

A full-text newspaper and journal index. Use the General News/Arts and Sports section to find reviews.

Music Index Online

A Subject-Author Guide to Music Periodical Literature compiled from over 640 International music periodicals. A broad range of historiographic, ethnographic and musicological subjects is covered as well as a number of topics associated with dance, such as ballet and modern dance.

Newsbank. Performing Arts. 1977-1998 Microfiche 845. Main Library microfiche collection. A very useful resource for finding reviews of performances in smaller cities and towns throughout the United States.

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature

Abstracts of books, articles, and dissertations on all aspects of music and musicology including dance. Coverage 1969-present.

Art Abstracts

Cites some articles about dance and dancers appearing in leading English Language arts publications. Indexing dates from 1984, abstracts included since 1994.

Biographical Information

Biographical Dictionary of Dance. New York: Schirmer Books, 1982. GV1785. A1 C58 1982 Main Ref.

(Wilson) Biography Reference Bank- Biography Reference Bank contains narrative profiles of over a half million people. Included are the original profiles of Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated (covering many print volumes of biographical reference books published by H. W. Wilson and others, including all volumes of Current Biography), combined with periodicals coverage of Biography Index and full text articles, page images, and abstracts from the complete range of Wilson databases. (Available only to UA Campus.)

Biography Resource Center The Biography Resource Center + The Complete Marquis Who's Who® is a comprehensive database of biographical information on more than one million people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas.

Dancers and Choreographers: A Selected Bibliography. Wakefield, R.I.: Asphodel Press, 1995. GV 1785. G47 1995. Main Stacks.

Fifty Contemporary Choreographers. New York: Routledge, 1999. GV1785.A1 B74 1999. Main stacks

Film choreographers and dance directors: an illustrated biographical encyclopedia with a history and filmographies 1893 through 1995. Jefferson, NC: McFarland and Co., 1997. GV 1779. B55 1997. Main Stacks.

International Dictionary of Modern Dance. Detroit: St. James Press, c1998. GV1585 .B46 1998. Main stacks

Educational & Professional Information

Ballet Companies on the Web

Career Information Center: Communication and the Arts,(vol. 3). New York : MacMillan Library Reference, c1996. HF5382.5.U5 C32 1996. Main Ref.

Congress on Research in Dance The purpose of this professional organization is to encourage scholars in dance to research, publish, and discuss material from all areas of dance. CORD has an international membership of teachers, students, writers, performers, choreographers, researchers, archivists and librarians.

Contemporary/Modern Dance Companies. A web directory created by dance videographer Amy Reusch on behalf of the newsgroup alt.arts.ballet.

Encyclopedia of Associations. An authoritative, online reference work that includes listings of a variety of arts related organizations and associations, including many in the field of dance and ballet.

Dance and Ballet Groups and Ensembles (Indiana University) provides links to 30 groups.

Dance directory; programs of professional preparation in American colleges and universities. GV1593 .D3 1997-98 Main Ref

Dance Schools An international directory of dance schools.

Dancelinks Funding Resources A great source for finding regional and national funding agencies and grant information.

Dancemagazine college guide GV1623 .D26 1996-97 Main Ref.

More Dance Companies on the Web This very comprehensive page provides links to the following types of dance companies: Jazz / Tap / Breakdance/ Liturgical Humorous Experimental / Cross-Media / Border Crossers / Vertical, etc. World / Ethnic / Historical Performance Companies

Music, dance & theater scholarships : a complete guide. LB2338 .M87 1995 Main Ref.

NASD: National Association of Schools of Dance NASD is an organization of schools, colleges and universities that offer dance studies. Founded in 1981, it has 54 institutional members. NASD provides statistical information, professional development and policy analysis services. It also makes available for purchase many helpful publications, including a listing of accredited institutions.

National Dance Association

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Provides an overview of dance as a profession and provides information on employment, working conditions, etc.

Performing Arts Career Directory. Detroit, MI : Visible Ink Press, c1994- PN1580 .P44 1994 Main Ref.

Poor Dancer's Almanac: managing life and work in the performing arts. Durham [NC] : Duke University Press, 1993. GV1597 .P66 1993 Main stacks.

Professional Careers Sourcebook. Detroit: Gale, 2000. HF 5382.5 U5 P76 Main Ref.

Society of Dance History Scholars The Society of Dance History Scholars (SDHS) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting study, research, discussion, performance, and publication in dance history and related fields.

Stern's performing arts directory GV1580 .D247 Main Ref.

Divided into three categories: Dance, Music and Resources. Section on dance gives names and addresses of dance companies, directory of dance professionals including accompanists, choreographers, teachers, therapists, organizations and councils for dance.

Tucson Dance Organizations and Groups provides listings of the various dance performance groups in the Tucson area.

Vocational Information Center: Explore a Career in the Performing Arts

This site links to information related to careers in dance and other areas of the performing arts, including music and theater. It also provides useful links to other web resources.

Dance on Film

A-V Online

Descriptions of educational audio-visual products. A-V Online only describes the products and gives ordering information. 350,000 records describing educational videotapes, 16mm films, audio-tapes, filmstrips, software, CD-ROMs, slides, transparencies and kits. Ordering information is given. Coverage: 1900 to present.

Dance Films Association Web Page

Dance on camera : a guide to dance films and videos GV1595 .D342 1998 Main Stacks
Revised edition of: The dance film and video guide

Film choreographers and dance directors: an illustrated biographical encyclopedia with a history and filmographies 1893 through 1995. Jefferson, NC: McFarland and Co., 1997. GV 1779. B55 1997. Main Stacks.

Guide to dance in film : a guide to information sources. Detroit : Gale Research, 1978. GV1779 .P37 Main Stacks.

Internet Movie Database

"The Internet Movie Database (IMDb) is a HUGE collection of movie information. We try to catalog every pertinent detail about a movie, from who was in it, to who made it, to trivia about it, to filming locations, and even where you can find reviews and fan sites on the web. We then do our best to present this information in a manner that is easy to search and access".

Web Resources

@URL Internet Arts Resources: DANCE A mega-site that provides links to dozens of international dance resources on the web.

ALEGRIA: Mexican Dance, Music, Art & Culture Web Sites Provides a newsletter, directory, calendar, danza y baile links, plus a bulletin board all devoted to Mexican folkloric dance.

An American Ballroom Companion: Dance Instruction Manuals, ca. 1400-1920. (Library of Congress American Memory Project). presents a collection of over two hundred social dance manuals at the Library of Congress. The list begins with a rare late fifteenth-century source, *Les basses danses de Marguerite d'Autriche* (c.1490) and ends with Ella Gardner's 1929 *Public dance halls, their regulation and place in the recreation of adolescents*. Along with dance instruction manuals, this online presentation also includes a significant number of antidance manuals, histories, treatises on etiquette, and items. Many of the manuals also provide historical information on theatrical dance.

Artslynx International Dance Resources An online index of Dance & Ballet resources, history, books, videos, schools, and University Dance Departments.

BalletNotes Contains in-depth information on ballets, their creators, and histories.

Cyberdance: Ballet on the Net An extensive internet dance database - a collection of over 3,500 links to classical ballet and modern dance resources on the Internet.

Dance Around the Web Includes links to general collections, pages maintained by clubs or organizations, international organizations and ballroom dance.

Dancing for Busy People Reference Library Contains Record sources, textbooks, videos, leader names, websites, etc. about square dances, contra dances, quadrilles, trios, couple mixers, Sicilian circles, line dances, solo dances, no-partner dances, etc.

DMOZ Open Directory Project of Dance Sites The **Open Directory Project** is the largest, most comprehensive human-edited directory of the Web. It is constructed and maintained by a vast, global community of volunteer editors. This is mega-site leading to web resources on a variety of dance related topics.

Henry Neeman's Dance Hotlist Lists a variety of general resources for dance.

LANIC Performing Arts Resources. The Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC) is affiliated with the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS) at the University of Texas at Austin. LANIC's mission is to facilitate access to Internet-based information to, from, or on Latin America.

New York Public Library's Jerome Robbins Dance Division Selected Dance Resources on the Internet This site contains lots of useful links to scores of web resources.

Tap Dance Homepage Includes a tap dance calendar, a who's who, tap in film, a glossary and trivia section.

Voice of Dance Voice of Dance provides bulletin boards on which to post reviews and ideas or chats with dance celebrities, and also offers calendar listings for major dance companies around the world, quick review excerpts of dance performances from all over, as well as the latest news from the arts world.

Yahoo! Directory: Performing arts>Dance A mega-site listing lots of links to dance pages on the web.

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