

**Collection:** Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers Mss 181  
**Series 10:** Supplement  
**Sub series 10.1** **Helen Priest Rogers**  
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### **Programs, Playbills, Press**

**Summary:** The Helen Priest Rogers subseries is part of the Supplement Series. The materials were donated in December, 2004 and include programs and playbills from the performances of the Alwin Nikolais Dance companies and the Murray Louis Dance companies.

**Folder 1 Alwin Nikolais**

Date: 1939, Jan. 19-20

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Avery Memorial Auditorium

Choreographic Work: EIGHT COLUMN LINE

Date: 1951, Jan.3 - Mar.21

Material Type: Event Calendar

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Entertainment Series/Live Theatre for Children

Date: 1952, Oct.11,12,13

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: THE BEWITCHED

Date: 1952, May 16,17,18

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: MIRRORS

Date: 1953, Oct.11,18,25, Nov.1,8,15,22,29, Dec.6,13,20,27, Jan.3,10,17,24,31

Material Type: Event Calendar

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Entertainment Series/Live Theatre for Children

Date: 1957, Feb.12,17,22

Material Type: Press

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Jack and the Beanstalk, Land above the Clouds

Date: 1955, Mar. 20, 27  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: PERSPHONE

Date: 1955, Dec. 17  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: IIIATI - Three Art Theatre One

Date: 1956, Feb.16-Mar.12  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: IMAGO

Date: 1956-July, Aug, Sept, 1957-Jan  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: KALEIDSCOPE (critic reviews/articles)

Date: 1956, Dec.27,28,29  
Material Type: Program  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: PRISM; Glymistry, Lythic, Viagrin, Primyar, Tridem, Pradomen, Paratint, Glaasch

Date: 1956/57  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info  
(2 copies)

Date: 1957, Feb.12,17,22  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Jack and the Beanstalk, Land above the Clouds

Date: 1957, Mar.2  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Phyllis Lamhut dance Concert

Date: 1957, Dec.27,28,29  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Runic Canto & premier of NEW DANCES

Date: 1957/58  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List (3copies)

Date: 1958, Apr.18,19,20  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: KALEIDOSCOPE

Date: 1958, Feb.14,15,16  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ODEUM

Date: 1958, Sun. Mar. 9  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: The Lobster Quadrille (from Alice-In-Wonderland), Merry-Go-Elsewhere, & The Indian Sun  
Performed By: The Playhouse Dance Repertory Group

Date: 1958, Feb.1,8,15,22 Mar.1,8,15,22,29 Apr.5,12,19,26 May3,10,17, Feb.2,9,12  
Material Type: Event Calendar  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Caribbean Indian Lore and Dances, The Mirror, The Carpet and the Lemon, Treasure Island, Leroy the Magician, The Dutch Mill, Clown, Adventure of Everychild, Peter Rabbit, Today we Improvise, Tap Dance Musical Revue, Hansel and Gretel, Merry-Go-Elsewhere, The Lobster Quadrille, The Indian Sun, Joint Concert, New Work, Kaleidoscope, Village of Whispers

Date: 1958/59

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List

Date: 1959, Jan.30,31 & Feb.1

Material Type: Playbill/Program

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: ALLEGORY; Cataclysm, Alphabet, fixation I, Finals, Labyrinth, Fixation II, Mechanism, Phoenix, Fixation III, Jackstraws, Refraction, Tendrils (2copies)

Date: Jan.30, 1959

Material Type: Press

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: ALLEGORY; (scenes ->) Earth Phineals, Yellow Alphabet, Labyrinth of the Lyre, Ravaged Shield, Erratic Tendrils, Diabolical Mechanism, Phoenix, Jack Straws, Minor Cataclysm

Date:1960, Jan.29,30,31

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: TOTEM

Date: 1962, Jan 7

Material Type: Press (NY TIMES Magazine) (critic review)

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: SHADOW TOTEM, BANSHEE, FINALE TOTEM, CLOWNS, DUET, PRELUDE

Date: Summer School 1965, June17-July2

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: The University of Utah

Choreographic Work: Modern Dance Workshop Info

Date: 1967, Nov.30-Dec.24 (Thurs-Sundays)

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Settlement Playhouse

Choreographic Work: SOMNILOQUY  
(2 copies)

Date: 1967, April 3  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Henry Street Settlement Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: IMAGO; "The Curious City"  
(2 copies)

Date: 1968, Feb.9,10  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Concert of dance: GLADYS BAILIN

Date: 1969/70  
Material Type: Press  
Location: The Alwin Nikolais Dance Theatre North American Tour  
Choreographic Work:

Date: 1971, March Issue III  
Material Type: Program  
Location: City Center  
Choreographic Work: SOMNILOQUY, SCENARIO, STRUCTURES,  
DIVERTISSEMENT II, ECHO, TENT, DIVERTISSEMENT II,

Date: 1973/74  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Nikolais Dance Theatre  
Choreographic Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1975, June18-30  
Material Type: Event Calendar/Brochure  
Location: N.Y.U. Auditorium Theatre & Chimera Foundation For Dance  
Choreographic Work: TEMPLE, SANCTUM, SCENARIO, THE TRIBE, ALLEGORY,  
SOMNILOQUY, VAUDEVILLE, MASKS, PROPS & MOBILES, FOREPLAY  
(3 copies)

**Folder 2      Murray Louis**

Date: 1950, Nov.24,25  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: SIGNAL, JOURNAL

Date: 1952, Feb.21,22  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ORPHEUS and EURYDICE

Date: 1952, Dec.29,30,31

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: D is for Dance w/ Mr. Stringfellow

Date: 1952, Mar. 9

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Merry-Go-Elsewhere, The Indian Sun, The Lobster Quadrille

Date: 1952, Mar. 21, 22, 23

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: JOURNAL, INCREDIBLE GARDEN, QUARTET

Date: 1955, Dec.10,27,29, Dec.4,11,18,27,28, Dec.29,30, Jan.8,15,22

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Masks, Props and Mobiles, Legend of the Winds, Saint George and the Dragon

Date: 1955, Feb.2,9,12

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: HANSEL & GRETEL

Date: 1955, Jan.18-30

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: Brooklyn Academy

Choreographic Work: -----

Date: 1956, Nov.17,18  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Murray Louis Dance Concert

Date: 1956, Feb.19 & 22  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work:

Date: 1957, Nov.8,9,10  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: JOURNAL, CORRIDA

Date: 1957, Feb.12,17,22  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Jack & the Beanstalk

Date: 1957/58  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: THE BEWITCHED, JOURNAL & CORRIDA, NEW WORK(Nikolais), PRISM, JOINT CONCERT, NEW WORK (Louis), KALEIDOSCOPE, VILLAGE of WHISPERS

Date: 1959, Mar.20,21,22  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ENTRE-ACTE

Date: 1959, Nov.28,29  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ENTRE-ACTE

Date: 1959, Apr.17,18,19  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: A Concert of Music and Modern Dance  
(2 copies)

Date: 1959, Jan30,31 & Feb.1  
Material Type: Program  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ALLEGORY  
(3 copies)

Date: 1959/60  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Musical Artists  
Choreographic Work: JOURNAL, CORRIDA  
(2 copies)

Date: 1960, Jan.29,30,31 Feb.5,6,7  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: TOTEM

Date: 1960/61  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List

Date: 1962/63  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List

Date: 1964, Nov.20  
Material Type: Press  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1964/65  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List  
(2 copies)

Date: 1965  
Material Type: Company Publication - book  
Location: Murray Louis Dance Company - Henry Street Playhouse



Date: 1966, Feb.25 - Mar.13

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Interims, Junk Dances, Journal, Transcendencies, Facets,  
Landscapes

(3 copies)

Date: 1967/68

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: Henry Street Playhouse

Choreographic Work: Courses Offered, Class Schedule, Enrollment info, Faculty List  
(2 copies)

Date: 1968, June & July

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: University of South Florida's Division of Fine Arts

Choreographic Work: dance workshop

Date: 1968-70

Material Type: Press - National Press, New York Press, & International Press

Location: ----

Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1968-1970

Material Type: Press

Location: Tour of North American, Tour of India

Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1970, June 11

Material Type: Press

Location: The New York Times

Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1970, Nov. 8

Material Type: Press - The New Haven Register

Location: ----

Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1971, Feb.

Material Type: Press - DANCE MAGAZINE

Location: ----

Choreographic Work: ----

Date: 1972, February  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Chimera Foundation for Dance, Inc.  
Choreographic Work: New Film Series - Dance As An Art Form; TIME & MOTION

Date: 1974-75  
Material Type: Event Calendar/Brochure  
Location: N.Y.U Auditorium Theatre & Chimera Foundation For Dance  
Choreographic Work: Scheherazade...a dream, Geometrics, Porcelain Dialogues, Personnae, Calligraph for Martyrs, Continuum, Index, Chimera, Hoopla

Date: no date  
Material Type: Press - Murray Louis' DANCE AS AN ART FORM  
Location: ----  
Choreographic Work: ----

Date: no date  
Material Type: Press - New York Press, National Press, International Press  
Location: Chimera Foundation for Dance Inc.  
Choreographic Work: ----

Date: no date, Sun. Jan.22  
Material Type: Playbill  
Location: Henry Street Playhouse  
Choreographic Work: Beverly Schmidt Dance Concert

Date: no date, Sept. 28  
Material Type: Press  
Location: temporary headquarters, Louis-Nikolais Dance Theatre Lab  
Choreographic Work: workshop classes

**Folder 3      Alwin Nikolais & Murray Louis**

Date: 1971, Oct. 4  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Louis-Nikolais Dance Theatre Lab  
Choreographic Work: workshops / classes

Date: 1973, June 11-29  
Material Type: Company Brochure  
Location: Louis-Nikolais Dance Theatre Lab  
Choreographic Work: Technique-Theory-Composition; workshop

Date: 1974, Feb.5-17

Material Type: Playbill

Location: Lyceum Theatre

Choreographic Work: Sanctum Suite/Fixation/Tower, Divertissement/Scrolls/Tent, Somniloquy/Foreplay/Scenario, Porcelain Dialogues/Interims/Hoopla, Personnae/Scheherezade, Proximities/Continuum/Index

Date: 1986-87

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: Louis-Nikolais Dance Theatre Lab

Choreographic Work: summer calendar and course fees - professional training program

Date: 1992-93

Material Type: Event Calendar

Location: Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey

Choreographic Work: Imago "The City Curious", Crucible, Pond, Tensile Involvement, Four Brubeck Pieces, Tower "Vaudeville of the Elements", Index, Kaleidoscope, Bach Suite, Calligraph for Martyrs, Gallery, Journal, Interims, Scenario, Plus All Earlier Reconstructions,

Date: Feb.13-25

Material Type: Company Brochure

Location: Murray Louis Dance Company - Nikolais Dance Theatre

Choreographic Work: ----