

Collection: Alwin Nikolais and Murray Louis Papers Mss 181
Series 2: Artistic Series
Sub series 2.1: Alwin Nikolais
Sub sub series 2.1b Illustrations

Summary: Illustrations by Alwin Nikolais are part of the Artistic Series. The sub series contains drawings and text by Alwin Nikolais that illustrate his choreographic works and performances. Also included are drawings of the dancers, costumes, sets, slides, lighting, and stage devices. A series of drawings also illustrate performances for the Steve Allen television show. The illustrations were received in 2001 and 2007.

Box 1

- Folder 1a** Illustrations of Choreographic Works (80 pages)
- Folder 1b** Illustrations of Choreographic Works (Oversized) (2 pages)
- Folder 2a** Illustrations of Costumes and Designs (3 pages)
- Folder 2b** Illustrations of Costumes and Designs (47 pages)
- Folder 2c** Illustrations of Costumes and Designs (Oversized) (8 pages)
- Folder 3** Illustrations of Slides, Sets, and Technical Devices (28 pages)
- Folder 4** Panels of illustrations and text of Choreographic Works (14 pages)
Notes: Illustrations of a sequence of dance movements with explanations. The first begins with Dance is the Art of Motion. Other topics include music, timing, a description of the motions, and illustrations of the movement. 3 pages illustrate costumes of specific sequences.
- Folder 5a** Panels of illustrations, text of costume, set sketches [Steve Allen?] (15 pages)
Notes: Includes an illustrated graph for television performances. Text is included under headings labeled explanation, time, chorus costume, principals, floor and/or background, device, and breaks & changes. Also illustrates what the viewer will see on the television screen (in color).
- Folder 5b** Panels and graphs of illustrations and text of costume and set sketches
- Folder 6** Panels of illustrations for Isle (1 page, 2 copies)