INTRODUCTION

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DONOR INFORMATION

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INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

Little historical evidence for the school can be found. It appears that the school may have operated between the late 1920s to the early to middle 1940s. The school was originally located at 917 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. Over the years, the school has been known by several names: Marie Kelley School of Dance; Marie Kelley-William J. Mack School of Dance and Drama; Kelley-Mack School of Dramatic Art; and Kelley-Mack Studio of Dance and Drama.

No information is known about the lives and careers of either Marie Kelley or William J. Mack.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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The photographs have been arranged chronologically by date, then by performance. Oversize photographs have been denoted with an “OS” and have been withdrawn to Oversize Flat Box 002.
PREFERRED CITATION:
Specific item; box number; folder number; Marie Kelley-William J. Mack Dance School Photographs (K0616); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

INVENTORY

Box 001

f. 1 Photographs, 1930-1936
Shubert Theater, October 26-27, 1930 (OS)
Ararat Temple, February 2-3, 1932
Ararat Shrine Temple, no. 1 (OS), 2, and 4, November 24, 1935
Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium, November 22, 1936 (3 images)

Box 002 (oversize)

f. 1 Shubert Theater, October 26-27, 1930
f. 1 Ararat Shrine Temple, no. 1, November 24, 1935

SUBJECTS
Ballet dancers—Missouri—Kansas City
Dance companies—Missouri—Kansas City
Dance schools—Missouri—Kansas City

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