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Collection Summary

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Summary: The Serge Grigoriev / Ballets Russes Archive documents Grigoriev's decades-long career as régisseur (rehearsal director) for both Diaghilev's Ballets Russes and for Col. W. de Basil's Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo. It consists primarily of photographs, photograph albums, and notes and manuscript drafts for Grigoriev's book *S.P. Diaghilev i ego 'Russkii Balet' 1909-1929*, which was translated into English and published as *The Diaghilev Ballet, 1909-1929*. The archive also contains Grigoriev's unpublished manuscript for his work *Original'nyi Russkii Balet pod upravleniem Colonel W. De Basil 1932-1952*. In addition, the archive includes choreographic notes, programs, additional writings by Grigoriev, clippings, tour information, and drawings.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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Basil, W. de.--Photographs.

Danilova, Alexandra, 1907-1997--Photographs.

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Diaghilev, Serge, 1872-1929.

Dobrovaska, Felia, 1896-1981--Photographs.

Grigorieva, Tamara--Photographs.

Grigor'ev, S. L. (Sergeï Leonidovich), 1883-1968--Photographs.

Grigor'ev, S. L. (Sergeï Leonidovich), 1883-1968.

Grigor'ev, S. L. (Sergeï Leonidovich), 1883-1968.

Grigor'ev, S. L. (Sergeï Leonidovich), 1883-1968. Diaghilev ballet, 1909-1929.

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Ballets russes du Col. W. de Basil--Photographs.

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Form/Genre

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Administrative Information

Provenance

The material in the archive was purchased in 1999 and 2001. Related materials that detail both companies have been donated from a variety of sources or have been purchased.

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No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

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Related Material

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Biographical Note

The Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev (also known as Diaghilev's Ballets Russes) was a creation of the great Russian impresario, Serge Diaghilev. In 1907 Diaghilev presented a festival of Russian music at the Paris Opera and, in 1908, he returned to offer six performances of Mussorgsky's opera *Boris Godunov*, which marked the first performance of the opera outside Russia. Upon his re-engagement in 1909, Diaghilev added four ballets to his operatic presentations. The enormous popularity of the ballets was such that in 1910 Diaghilev offered only "Ballets Russes." Because many of the Russian dancers performing with Diaghilev were members of the Maryinsky Ballet in Saint Petersburg, they were allowed to travel only when their season was over and Diaghilev soon realized the importance of creating a permanent dance company in the West.

From 1909 to 1912, the Russian choreographer Michel Fokine's works dominated the repertory of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, but Fokine's resignation allowed Diaghilev to re-conceptualize the company and to commission works that fulfilled his personal aesthetic. Vaslav Nijinsky was anointed as the choreographer who would open the door to Diaghilev's principles of modernism in ballet. Thereafter, the succession of choreographers that continued Diaghilev's ideals included Léonide Massine, Bronislava Nijinska, and George Balanchine.

Between 1918 and 1922, Diaghilev's Ballets Russes performed for long periods of time in London; however, by the mid-1920s, the company split its time between Paris and Monte Carlo. In Monte Carlo, Diaghilev enjoyed the support of the ruling Grimaldi family and was also providing dancers and choreographers for most of the Théâtre de Monte-Carlo's operatic productions.

One of Diaghilev's most significant legacies was his collaboration with other artists. For example, he commissioned scores from Debussy, Ravel, Richard Strauss, Satie, Poulenc, and Prokofiev, and is credited with establishing Stravinsky's international career. Diaghilev also worked closely with the numerous painters and sculptors who created designs for his company, including Bakst, Benois, Matisse, Picasso, Rouault, Gris, Braque, Utrillo, and Miró. However, perhaps his greatest contribution to the world of ballet was his support of the choreographers Nijinsky, Massine, Nijinska, and Balanchine. Likewise, he launched the careers of many dancers, including names such as Adolph Bolm, Léonide Massine, Lydia Lopokova, Olga Spessivtseva, Anton Dolin, Alexandra Danilova, Alicia Markova, and Serge Lifar.

Throughout its existence, Diaghilev's Ballets Russes set new standards for ballet technique and played an important role in creating a significant body of choreographic works—many of which continue to be performed in the repertoires of ballet companies throughout the world.

After Serge Diaghilev's death in 1929, René Blum was appointed director of ballet at the Théâtre de Monte-Carlo. Blum was determined to establish a new Russian ballet company at the Théâtre and, in 1931 he met Colonel Wassily de Basil. De Basil had emigrated to Paris in 1919 and was the director of L'Opéra Russe à Paris. In late 1931, de Basil and Blum created Les Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo with George Balanchine as ballet master and Boris Kochno as artistic director. The company's first season opened at the Théâtre de Monte-Carlo in 1932 and, at the end of the year, Balanchine left and was replaced by Léonide Massine. Massine remained with the company until 1937. After a disagreement with Blum in 1934, de Basil became the sole director and the company became known as the Ballets Russes de Colonel W. de Basil (later called the Original Ballet Russe).

When de Basil died in 1951, his associate George Kirsta organized a new company that opened four months later at the Wimbledon Theatre, England. Despite some local touring, the company performed for the last time in January 1952. Known variously throughout the years as the Ballets Russes de Colonel W. de Basil (1932-1938), Colonel W. de Basil's Ballet Russe (1937, in New York), Educational Ballets Limited (1938), Covent Garden Russian Ballet (1938-1940), and the Original Ballet Russe (1940-1952), the company crisscrossed the globe and was instrumental in the popularization of ballet worldwide.

Serge Grigoriev studied ballet at the Imperial Theatre School in Saint Petersburg and, in 1909, Diaghilev appointed him as company régisseur (rehearsal director) for the first Paris season of his Ballets Russes. Grigoriev remained in this position until Diaghilev's death in 1929. Upon the formation of the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo, Grigoriev served once again as régisseur, remaining with the company until its dissolution in 1952. During the 1950s, along with his wife, dancer Lubov Tchernicheva, he staged revivals of Fokine ballets for Sadler's Wells Ballet (later known as the Royal Ballet), the London Festival Ballet, and La Scala, and oversaw rehearsals for Massine ballets. Grigoriev died on 28 June 1968.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1883, Oct. 5	Serge Grigoriev (Sergei Leonidovich Grigor'ev) born, in Tichvin, Russia
1900-1912	In the Maryinsky corps de ballet
1909	Appointed Serge Diaghilev's company régisseur (rehearsal director) for the first Paris season of the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev (also known as Diaghilev's Ballets Russes) Married dancer Lubov Tchernicheva Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered works by choreographer Michel Fokine, including <i>Le Pavillon d'Armide</i> (music by Tchernepnine) and <i>Les Sylphides</i> (music by Chopin)
1910	Played the character role of the Shah Shariar in Michel Fokine's <i>Schéhérazade</i> (music by Rimsky-Korsakov) for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, Paris Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Fokine's <i>L'Oiseau de Feu [The Firebird]</i> (music by Stravinsky). This is the first score by Stravinsky to be commissioned especially for a ballet
1911	Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Fokine's <i>Petrouchka</i> The company made its first visit to London
1912	Diaghilev promoted Vaslav Nijinsky as a choreographer, Michel Fokine left the Ballets Russes Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Nijinsky's <i>L'Après-midi d'un Faune</i> (music by Faure) and <i>Jeux</i> (music by Debussy)
1913	Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Nijinsky's <i>Le Sacre du Printemps [The Rite of Spring]</i> (music by Stravinsky) Vaslav Nijinsky married Romola de Pulszky; Diaghilev fired Nijinsky from the Ballets Russes
1914	Grigoriev played the character role of Guidone in Fokine's <i>Le coq d'or</i> (music by Rimsky-Korsakov) for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes Léonide Massine made his debut with Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in the title role of Fokine's <i>Die Josephslegende</i> In support of her brother Nijinsky, dancer Bronislava Nijinska left the Ballets Russes The company made its first tour of South America
1915	<i>Le Soleil de Nuit</i> (music by Rimsky-Korsakov) premiered with Massine acting as both choreographer and principal dancer
1916	Ballets Russes made their first tour of the United States, returning again for a second tour, 1916-1917
1917	Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Massine's <i>Parade</i> (music by Satie)
1919	Grigoriev played the character role of the Russian Merchant in Léonide Massine's <i>La Boutique fantasque</i> (music by Rossini, orchestrated by Respighi) for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, London
1921	Diaghilev dismissed Massine from the company Diaghilev's Ballets Russes produced a version of Marius Petipa's 1890's <i>The Sleeping Beauty</i> . Retitled <i>The Sleeping Princess</i> , it was the first full production of a complete Petipa ballet to be performed outside Russia Bronislava Nijinska returned to Diaghilev's Ballets Russes for four years

- 1922 Diaghilev presented a *divertissement* created from Petipa's *The Sleeping Beauty* (music by Tchaikovsky). The resulting work was called *Aurora's Wedding* with staging and some new choreography by Bronislava Nijinska
Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Bronislava Nijinska's *Le Renard* (music by Stravinsky)
- 1923 Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Nijinska's *Les Noces* (music by Stravinsky)
- 1924 Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered Nijinska's *Les Biches* (music by Poulenc); *Les Fâcheux* (music by Auric); *Night on Bald Mountain* (ballet from the opera *Sorochintsy Fair*, music by Mussorgsky); and *Le Train Bleu* (music by Milhaud)
Diaghilev engaged George Balanchine as ballet master. During his tenure with the company (1924-1929), he created ten ballets
- 1928 Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered George Balanchine's *Apollon musagète* (music by Stravinsky)
- 1929, Aug. 19 Serge Diaghilev died
- 1929 Diaghilev's Ballets Russes premiered George Balanchine's *Le Fils prodigue [Prodigal Son]* (music by Prokofiev)
- 1932 Grigoriev joined Colonel Wassily de Basil's Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo as company régisseur
- 1933, July 4 The company made its London debut at the Alhambra Theatre
- 1933, Dec. 22 Sol Hurok presented the company in New York at the St. James Theatre
- 1934 The company began a North American Tour in October in Mexico City. The company also performed in Canada and California
- 1935 The company performed at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York
- 1936 Invited to Australia, de Basil formed a second company for a tour that lasted until July 1937
- 1937 Massine's contract extended to cover part of the fall and winter American tour
- 1938 Massine gave his last performance at the San Francisco Opera House on 30 Jan.
Massine became artistic director of a new company, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, with Sergei J. Denham as general director
Colonel W. de Basil's Ballets Russes performed at Covent Garden, London, under the name Educational Ballets Limited
- 1939 Under the name Covent Garden Russian Ballet, the company toured Australia and New Zealand from September to April 1939
Touring under the name Original Ballet Russe, the company returned to the United States in October
- 1941 The Original Ballet Russe arrived in Cuba. The dancers received a cut in salary and seventeen of them staged a strike. The company eventually made its way back to the United States

1942	The company tours Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. By 1943 the company is in residence at the Teatro Colón, Buenos Aires. In addition, the company tours other South American countries. The Original Ballet Russe remains in South America until 1946
1947	The Original Ballet Russe returned to New York for a season at the Metropolitan Opera House, toured coast-to-coast and, presented a second New York Season The company returned to Europe and prepared for a season at Covent Garden, which took place July-Sept. David Lichine's Graduation Ball performed in London for the first time
1948	After seasons in Paris and Brussels, de Basil took the company on a tour of Spain and North Africa that lasted seven months The company disbanded on 6 Nov.
1951, July 27	Colonel Wassily de Basil died
1952	De Basil's associate, George Kirsta, resurrected a new Original Ballet Russe, which offered its last performance at London's Adelphi Theatre on 26 January Serge Grigoriev retired
1953	Grigoriev published <i>The Diaghilev Ballet 1909-1929</i>
1954-1955	Grigoriev and his wife staged Fokine's <i>The Firebird</i> and <i>Les Sylphides</i> for Britain's Royal Ballet
1956	Grigoriev served one year as régisseur for London's Royal Ballet
1957	Grigoriev and his wife, Lubov Tcherinova, staged <i>Petrouchka</i> for the Royal Ballet
1968, June 28	Serge Grigoriev died in London

Scope and Content Note

The Serge Grigoriev / Ballets Russes Archive is comprised of materials that document Serge Grigoriev's career as a dancer and as régisseur (rehearsal director) for the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev (1909-1929). Grigoriev served in the same capacity for the Ballets Russes de Colonel W. de Basil (1932-1952). The manuscripts, photographs, and other documents that are included in this Archive provide one of the richest collections of information on these two dance companies available anywhere.

Although the majority of the materials in the Serge Grigoriev / Ballets Russes Archive relate to the companies of Diaghilev and de Basil, the Archive contains several items from another Russian ballet company, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. By 1937 differences between Massine and de Basil led to the formation of a company for Massine with backers that included Sergei J. Denham, who eventually became the general director. The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo existed from 1938 to 1962.

Organization of the Serge Grigoriev / Ballets Russes Archive

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Writings by Serge Grigoriev

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Photographs

This series contains photographs of most of the principal artists associated with Diaghilev's Ballets Russes and the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo.

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Photograph Albums

This series contains albums that span the dates 1916 to 1948 and include nearly 3,000 of Serge Grigoriev's photographs of ballet dancers and colleagues in the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo. Some are signed and many are unpublished. Included are photographs of George Balanchine, Irina Baronova, Alexandra Danilova, Colonel W. De Basil, Serge Diaghilev, Vladimir Dokoudovsky, Serge Gregoriev, Tamara Grigorieva, David Lichine, Serge Lifar, Léonide Massine, Vera Nemchinova, Bronislava Nijinska, Vaslav Nijinsky, Tatiana Riabouchinska, Tamara Toumanova, and Vera Zorina, just to name a few.

The albums also contain photographs of the company in locations around the world, including Monte-Carlo, Montreux, Roquebrune, Berlin, Edinburgh, London, Barcelona, Montserrat, Paris, Guadalajara, Santiago (Chile), Rio de Janeiro, Havana, New York, Lima, La Paz, Buenos Aires, Quito, Bogota, Caracas, Bombay, Melbourne, and Sydney as well as cities throughout Samoa, Ceylon, Central America, Aden, the United States, and New Zealand. Of particular interest is the scrapbook of passport or identification photographs that identify the dancers by their original names.

The albums are rich in performance photographs of works that include *Francesca da Rimini*, *Schéhérazade*, *Thamar*, *The Firebird*, *Paganini*, *Cendrillon*, *Cain and Abel*, *Les Cent Baisers*, *Aurora's Wedding*, *L'Après-midi d'un Faune*, *Les Présages*, *Choréartium*, *Petrouchka*, *Good Humoured Ladies*, *Danses Slaves*, *Blue Danube*, *Swan Lake*, *Pulcinella*, *Le Chant du Rossignol*, *Les Noces*, *Petrouchka*, and include photographs of the costume and/or set designs for *Zéphire et Flore*, *Renard*, *Les Biches*, *Les Fâcheux*, and *Barabau*.

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Programs

This series contains programs and souvenir programs for Colonel W. de Basil's Ballets Russes (also known as the Original Ballet Russe) and for Sergei J. Denham's company, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo (1938-1962). For original souvenir programs for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes's premiere performance of *The Firebird* (1910) and a 1924 performance at La Scala, see Box 226 in the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Collection.

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Writings about the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo

This series contains publications about two of the famous Russian dance companies: the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev (known also as Diaghilev's Ballets Russes) and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, a company that was created for Léonide Massine upon his

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This series contains albums that span the dates 1916 to 1948 and include nearly 3,000 of Serge Grigoriev's photographs of ballet dancers and colleagues in the Ballets Russes de Serge Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo. Some are signed and many are unpublished. Included are photographs of George Balanchine, Irina Baronova, Alexandra Danilova, Colonel W. De Basil, Serge Diaghilev, Vladimir Dokoudovsky, Serge Gregoriev, Tamara Grigorieva, David Lichine, Serge Lifar, Léonide Massine, Vera Nemchinova, Bronislava Nijinska, Vaslav Nijinsky, Tatiana Riabouchinska, Tamara Toumanova, and Vera Zorina, just to name a few.

The albums also contain photographs of the company in locations around the world, including Monte-Carlo, Montreux, Roquebrune, Berlin, Edinburgh, London, Barcelona, Montserrat, Paris, Guadalajara, Santiago (Chile), Rio de Janeiro, Havana, New York, Lima, La Paz, Buenos Aires, Quito, Bogota, Caracas, Bombay, Melbourne, and Sydney as well as cities throughout Samoa, Ceylon, Central America, Aden, the United States, and New Zealand. Of particular interest is the scrapbook of passport or identification photographs that identify the dancers by their original names.

The albums are rich in performance photographs of works that include *Francesca da Rimini*, *Schéhérazade*, *Thamar*, *The Firebird*, *Paganini*, *Cendrillon*, *Cain and Abel*, *Les Cent Baisers*, *Aurora's Wedding*, *L'Après-midi d'un Faune*, *Les Présages*, *Choréartium*, *Petrouchka*, *Good Humoured Ladies*, *Danses Slaves*, *Blue Danube*, *Swan Lake*, *Pulcinella*, *Le Chant du Rossignol*, *Les Noces*, *Petrouchka*, and include photographs of the costume and/or set designs for *Zéphire et Flore*, *Renard*, *Les Biches*, *Les Fâcheux*, and *Barabau*.

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Algeranoff, Harcourt	(Harcourt Essex)
Alonso, Alberto	
Ansermet, Ernest	
Balanchine, George	(Georgii Meltonovich Balanchivadze)
Baronova, Irina	(Irina Mikhailovna Baronova)
Borovansky, Edouard	
Bousloff, Serge	
Conus, Natalie	
Danilova, Alexandra	(Aleksandra Dionisieвна Danilova)
De Basil, Colonel Wassily	
Denisova, Alexandra	(Patricia Denise Meyers; also known as Patricia Meyers and as Patricia Denise)
Diaghilev, Serge	(Sergei Pavlovich Diaghilev)
Dokoudovsky, Vladimir	
Doroudovsky, M.	
Doubrovska, Felia	(Felitsata Leont'evna Diuzhnevskaiia)
Federov, Michel	
Geltser, Ekaterina	(Ekaterina Vasil'evna Gel'tser)
Gilpin, John	
Grigoriev, Serge	(Sergei Leonidovich Grigor'ev)
Grigorieva, Tamara	
Hyman, Prudence	(also known as Pauline Strogova)
Jasinski, Roman	(Roman Czesław Jasiński)
Karlewska, Jadwiga	
Karsavina, Tamara	
Kochno, Boris	
Kshessinska, Matilda	(Matil'da-Mariia Feliksovna Kshesinskaia)
Kyasht, Lydia	(Lidiia Georgievna Kiakst)
Lazowski, Yurek	
Leskova, Tatiana	
Lichine, David	(David Kikhtenshtein)
Lifar, Serge	(Sergei Mikhailovich Serdkin)
Lloyd, Barbara	
Mackenzie, Kenneth	
Marra, Eleanora	
Mordkin, Mikhail	(Mikhail Mikhailovich Mordkin)
Morosova, Olga	
Nelidova, Vera [Cuff, Betty]	
Nemchinova, Vera	
Nijinska, Bronislava	(Bronislava Fominichna Nizhinskaia)
Nijinsky, Vaslav	(Vatslav Fomich Nizhinskii)
Nikitina, Alice	
Osato, Sono	
Panaiev, Michel	
Petroff, Paul	
Riabouchinska, Tatiana	(Tat'iana Riabushinskaia)

Rostov, Dmitri	
Rostova, Lubov	(Lucienne Kylberg)
Sand, Inge	(Inge Sand Sørensen)
Schwezzoff, Igor	(Igor' Shvetsov)
Siniavine, Alec	
Skibine, George	(Iurii Borisovich Skibin)
Slavenska, Mia	(Mia Čorak)
Stepanova, Tatiana	
Stogonova, Nina	(Nina Rigmor Strom)
Tcherkas, Constantin	
Tchernicheva, Lubov	(Liubov' Pavlovna Chernyshova)
Tchinarova, Tamara	
Toumanova, Tamara	(Tamara Vladimirovna Tumanova)
Tupine, Oleg	
Verchinina, Nina	(Nina Verchinina de Beausacq)
Volkova, Anna	
Woizikowski, Leon	(Leon Wójcikowski)
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<i>L'Amour Sorcier</i>	Choreographer: Leon Woizikowsky; Music: Manuel de Falla; Premiere: 21 November 1936, Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, Australia
<i>L'Après-midi d'un Faune</i>	Choreographer: Vaslav Nijinsky; Music: Claude Debussy; Premiere: 29 May 1912, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris
<i>Aurora's Wedding</i>	One-act version of <i>The Sleeping Beauty</i> ; Premiere: 1922
<i>Le Bal</i>	Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Vittorio Rieti; Premiere: 7 May 1929, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>Balustrade</i>	Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 22 January 1941, Fifty-first Street Theatre, New York
<i>Barabau</i>	Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Vittorio Rieti; Premiere: 11 December 1925, Coliseum Theatre, London
<i>Beach</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Françaix; Premiere: 1933
<i>Le Beau Danube [Blue Danube]</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Johann Strauss; Premiere: 1924; expanded and staged under title <i>Le Beau Danube Bleu</i> , 1933
<i>Les Biches</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Francis Poulenc; Premiere: 6 January 1924, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>Cain and Abel</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Richard Wagner; Premiere: 1946

<i>Carnaval</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Robert Schumann, orchestrated by Anton Arensky, Alexander Glazunov, Anatol Liadov, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Nicholas Tcherepnine; Premiere: 20 February 1910, Pavlov Hall, Saint Petersburg; Ballets Russes premiere: 20 May 1910, Theater des Westens, Berlin
<i>Carousal</i>	
<i>Cendrillon</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Frédéric d'Erlanger; Premiere: 1938
<i>Les Cent Baisers</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Frédéric d'Erlanger; Premiere: 18 July 1935, Covent Garden, London
<i>Le Chant du Rossignol</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 2 February 1920, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Choreartium</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Johannes Brahms; Premiere: 1933
<i>Cléopâtre</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Anton Arensky, with additional music by others; Premiere: 2 June 1909, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris
<i>La Concurrence</i>	Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Georges Auric; Premiere: 12 April 1932, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>Le Coq d'Or (opera)</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; Premiere: 24 May 1914, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Contes Russes</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Anatoly Liadov; Premiere: 11 May 1917, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris
<i>Cotillon</i>	Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Emmanuel Chabrier; Premiere: 12 April 1932
<i>Danses Slaves et Tziganes</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: divertissement from opera <i>Russalka</i> with music by Alexander Sergeyevich Dargomizhsky; Premiere: 1936
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<i>École de Dance</i>	
<i>Les Fâcheux</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Georges Auric; Premiere: 19 January 1924, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>La Fille du Pharaon</i>	Choreographer: Marius Petipa; Music: Cesare Pugni; Premiere: Bolshoi Theatre, Saint Petersburg, 1862
<i>The Firebird</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 25 June 1910, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris

<i>Francesca da Rimini</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Peter Illitch Tchaikovsky; Premiere: 28 November 1915, Maryinsky Theater, Petrograd; 1937 version for Ballets Russes de Colonel W. de Basil: choreography by David Lichine
<i>Fue Una Vez</i>	Music: Carlos Gustavino; Premiere: 1942, Teatro Colón, Buenos Aires
<i>The Good-Humored Ladies [Les Femmes de Bonne Humeur]</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Domenico Scarlatti, orchestrated by Vincenzo Tommasini; Premiere: 12 April 1917, Teatro Costanzi, Rome
<i>Graduation Ball</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Johann Strauss, arranged by Anton Dorati; Premiere: 1940 (Australia)
<i>Icare</i>	Choreographer: Serge Lifar; Music: Szyfer, orchestrated by Arthur Honegger; Premiere: 1935 by the Paris Opera Ballet; restaged for Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, 1938
<i>Les Imaginaires</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Georges Auric; Premiere: 1934
<i>La Isla de los Ceibos</i>	
<i>Jardin Public</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Vladimir Dukelsky [Vernon Duke]; Premiere: 1935
<i>Jeux d'Enfants</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Georges Bizet; Premiere: 14 April 1932
<i>Le Lion Amoureux</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Karol Rathaus; Premiere: 1937
<i>Lutte Éternelle [The Eternal Struggle]</i>	Choreographer: Igor Schwezoff; Music: Robert Schumann; Premiere: 29 July 1940, Theatre Royal, Sydney, Australia
<i>El Malon</i>	
<i>Mavra (opera)</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 3 June 1922, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Les Noces</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 13 June 1923, Théâtre de la Gaîté-Lyrique, Paris
<i>Nocturne</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Jean Philippe Rameau, arranged by Roger Desormière; Premiere: 1933
<i>Paganini</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Serge Rachmaninov; Premiere: 1938
<i>Les Papillons</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Robert Schumann, orchestrated by Nicholas Tcherepnine; Premiere: 10 March 1912, Maryinsky Theater, Saint Petersburg; produced by the Ballets Russes on 16 April 1914 at the Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>Pavana [Pavane]</i>	New version of Massine's <i>Las Meninas</i> ; music by Gabriel Fauré, choreographed by Serge Lifar for the Original Ballet Russe, Sydney, 1940

<i>La Pavillon d'Armide</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Nicholas Tcherepnine; Premiere: 25 November 1907, Maryinsky Theater, Saint Petersburg; (Paris premiere: 18 May 1909, Théâtre du Châtelet)
<i>Petruchka</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 13 June 1911, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris
<i>Les Présages</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Petr III; Tchaikovsky; 1933
<i>Protée</i>	Choreographer: David Lichine; Music: Claude Debussy; Premiere: 1938
<i>Pulcinella</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Igor Stravinsky, after Giambattista Pergolesi; Premiere: 15 May 1920, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Quest</i>	
<i>Renard</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Igor Stravinsky; Premiere: 18 May 1922, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Choreographer: Bronislava Nijinska; Music: Constant Lambert; Premiere: 1926
<i>Scuola di Ballo</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Luigi Boccherini, arranged by Jean Françaix; Premiere: 1933
<i>Shéhérazade</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; Premiere: 4 June 1910, Théâtre National de l'Opéra, Paris
<i>Le Soleil de Nuit [later Midnight Sun]</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; Premiere: 20 December 1915, Grand Théâtre, Geneva
<i>Le Spectre de la Rose</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Carl Maria von Weber, orchestrated by Hector Berlioz; Premiere: 19 April 1911, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo
<i>Suite Choréographique</i>	
<i>Les Sylphides</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Frédéric Chopin, orchestrated by Alexander Glazunov, Igor Stravinsky, Alexander Taneyev; Premiere: 2 June 1909, Théâtre du Châtelet
<i>Swan Lake</i>	Two-act version, staged and revised by Michel Fokine; Premiere: 30 November 1911, London; One-act version, staged after Lev Ivanov; Premiere: 21 April 1932, Monte Carlo
<i>Symphonie Fantastique</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Hector Berlioz; Premiere: 24 July 1924, Covent Garden, London
<i>Thamar</i>	Choreographer: Michel Fokine; Music: Mily Balakirev; Premiere: 20 May 1912, Théâtre du Châtelet, Paris
<i>Le Tricorne</i>	Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Manuel de Falla; Premiere: 22 July 1919, Alhambra Theatre, London

Union Pacific

Choreographer: Léonide Massine

Valse Triste

Choreographer: George Balanchine; Music: Jean Sibelius; Premiere: 15 August 1922

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Zéphire et Flore

Choreographer: Léonide Massine; Music: Vladimir Dukelsky [Vernon Duke];
Premiere: 28 April 1925, Théâtre de Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo