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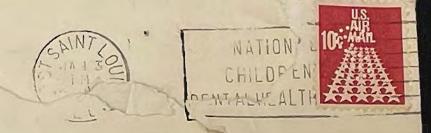




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CURRICULUM VITAE

KATHERINE DUNHAM

Dancer, choreographer, actress, writer, producer, composer, educator

BORN:

Chicago, Illinois to Albert Millard Dunham and Fannie Guillaume Dunham, school principal; mother Annette Poindexter Dunham, school teacher, Chicago, Illinois. Father choral singer in Umbrian Glee Club.

MARRIED:

July 10, 1941 to John Thomas Pratt, theatrical designer, one daughter, Marie Christine

ADDRESS:

338 West 88th Street, New York, New York 10024, U.S.A., Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis, Illinois 62201, Residence Leclerc, Port au Prince, Haiti, West Indies

EDUCATION:

Graduate of Joliet Township High School and Junior College, University of Chicago—Ph.B; Graduate studies in Social Anthropology; Masters Degree candidate Science, University of Chicago, "Dances of Haiti: Their Social Organization, Classification, Form and Function." 1939.

Lh.D. MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, 1972

MEMBERSHIPS: -American Guild of Musical Artists, Board of Governors, 1943-49

-American Guild of Variety Artists -American Federation of Radio Artists

-American Society of Composers and Publishers

-Sigma Epsilon Honorary Women's Scientific Fraternity -Royal Society of Anthropology, London

-Screen Actors Guild
-Actors' Equity
-The Authors Guild, Inc.
-International Who's Who in Poetry -Black Academy of Arts and Letters -Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame

EXPERIENCE:

Theatre: -Chicago Opera, Guest Star, 1933-36
-Chicago World's Fair, Choreographer/performer, 1934
-Concert, Rex Theatre, Port au Prince, 1937
-Run Lil Chillun, Chicago production, Choreographer

-Goodman Theatre, Chicago, 1938

-Pins and Needles, New York, choreographer, 1939

-Tropics and Le Jazz Hot, New York, 1939
-Cabin in the Sky, New York and tour, 1940-41, Los
Angeles and West Coast, 1942

-Tropical Review, New York and tour, 1943-44
-Carib Song, New York, 1945
-Bal Negre, New York and tour, 1946; Mexico, 1947, Transcontinental tour, 1948

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AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES 3335 DWINELLE HALL BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720 April 30, 1975

Katherine Dunham, University Profes Director, Performing Arts Training Southern Illinois University East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Professor Dunham:

Thank you for indicating the a proposed Spring Quarter appoints plore details associated with such hearing from me shortly with more

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April 9, 1975

Professor Katherine Dunham University Professor Southern Illinois University East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Professor Dunham:

I understand from Roy Thomas, a colleague, that it may be possible to induce you to spend a quarter in residence with us as a Visiting Professor. Knowing of your background and having reviewed outlines of courses you have taught elsewhere, I can express the purest of enthusiasm for a Visiting Appointment. At this point, it appears that the Spring Quarter (April 1 - June 19, 1976) would be best for us. This would give us time to generate the necessary publicity and tend to other details that would bear upon your stay.

It would be helpful if you would react to the possibility of a Visiting Professorship. Should you be interested, I can begin to focus in on the details and approvals that are a part of this particular bureaucracy.

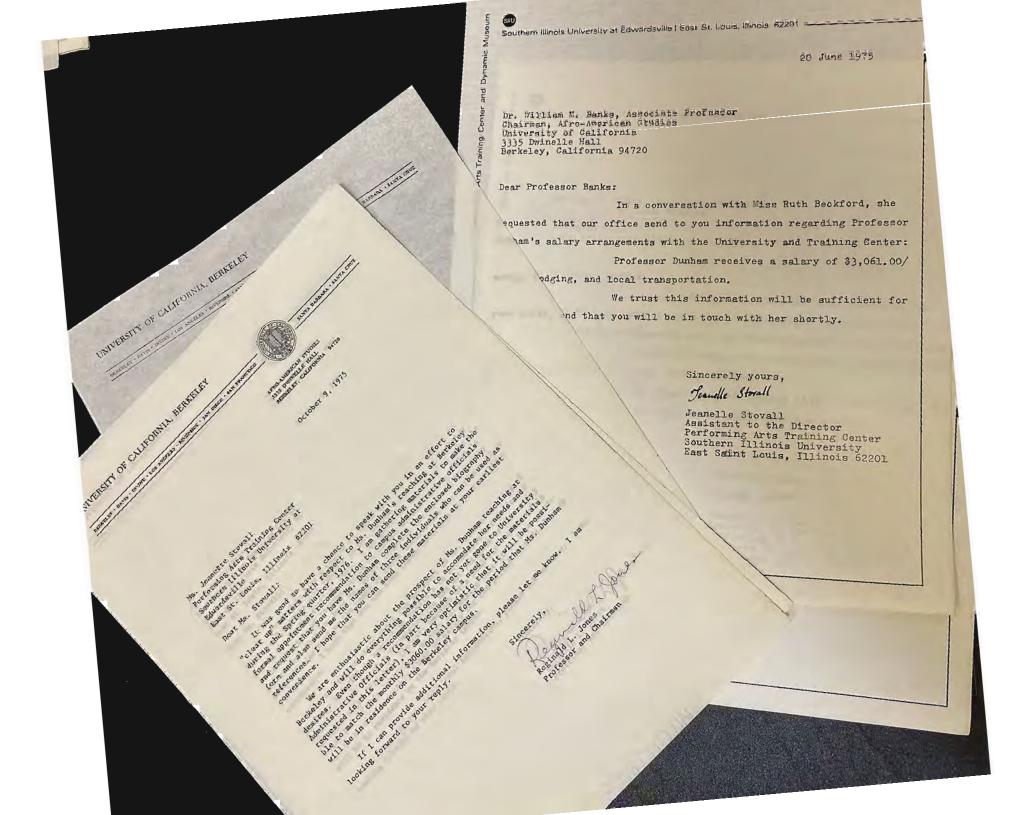
I look forward to hearing from you. With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Word Bouts

William M. Banks, Associate Professor Chairman, Afro-American Studies

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November 17, 1975

Katherine Dunham, Director Performing Arts Training Center Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Edwardsville, Illinois 62201

Dear Miss Dunham:

I was unable to reach you on the telephone today to ask you for the final details of your anthropology seminar on April 24 and 25 at the Berkeley campus.

Copy is due now for the special brochure that will include an announcement of the seminar; the copy that I wrote earlier was for our Spring catalogue.

Can you tell me how the subject matter will be presented? Will you wish to have four sessions of equal amounts of time, or would you rather have varying amounts of time? (earlier I sent copies of several seminar programs that had different kinds of formats). How shall I describe the participation of a dancer and drummer? May I include their names? Will you wish to use films? If so, which ones? Will you be using slides?

In other words, may I have as much detail as possible, so that the brochure will clearly reflect the nature and content of your seminar?

I shall try to reach you again on the telephone toward the end of this week. If you prefer to telephone me, I can be reached at (415) 642-1064 (collect, of course).

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Me. Jenelle Stovall Performing Arts Center Southern Illinois University East St. Louis, Illinois

It is a great pleasure to extend to you formally an invitation to spend

Professor in the Department of Afro-American Studies. Your total salary

will be \$10,867. The period of your appointment is April 1, 1976 through

The Chairman of your Department, Professor Jones, will be happy to answer any questions concerning your appointment. He and I will make every effort

Sincerely,

the Spring quarter of the academic year 1975-76 with us as a Visiting

to see that your service with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

Professor Katherine Dunham

East St. Louis, Illinois 62201

532 N. Tenth Street

Dear Professor Dunham:

December 9, 1975

December 1, 1975

Ms. Jenelle Stovall Performing Arts Center Southern Illinois University Past St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Ms. Stovall:

This brief note is to inform you that Miss Dunham's papers have been forwarded to the campus administration for processing. I have spoken informally to the Dean about this matter and he expects no difficulty with the appointment. He has informed me that the request for appointment will be expedited. At this point, we have no reason whatsoever to doubt that formal word from the administration will be soon forth coming.

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Reginald L. Jones
Professor and Chairman

Afro-American Studies

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Robert Middlekauff
Dean of Social Sciences

RM:sjb

cc: Chancellor Bowker Chairman Jones BERKELEY - DAVIS - IRVINE - LOS ANGELES - REVERSIDE - SAN DIECO - SAN FRANCISCO



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AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES 3335 DWINELLE HALL BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

January 19, 1976

Professor Katherine Dunham 532 North Tenth Street

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April 26, 1976

Miss Katherine Dunham Afro-American Studies 3335 Dwinelle Hall CAMPUS

Dear Miss Dunham:

I was very glad to hear from Ruth Beckford-Smith that you are home (at least, at your home-away-from-home), and well on the road to recovery. Certainly the decision to cancel the weekend seminar was the only one to make under the circumstances. I expressed your disappointment to the students who were enrolled; we have received numerous calls to express concern for your health, and good wishes for your recovery.

The enclosed article appeared in the Berkeley Gazette this week. It was written by the lady who interviewed you on the telephone shortly after you entered the hospital.

Extension Specialist

pis University at Edwardsville | East St. Louis, Illinois 62201 -

12 February 1976

Dr. Robert Middlekauff Dean of Social Sciences College of Letters and Science University of California Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Dean Middlekauff:

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February 9, 1976

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Dunham, Director Arts Training Center Illinois University Edwardsville Le, Illinois 62201

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Enclosed are several copies of the brochure that includes a desf your April seminar. A number of persons who saw the description ter/Spring catalogue have already responded with VERY early and iastic enrollment letters.

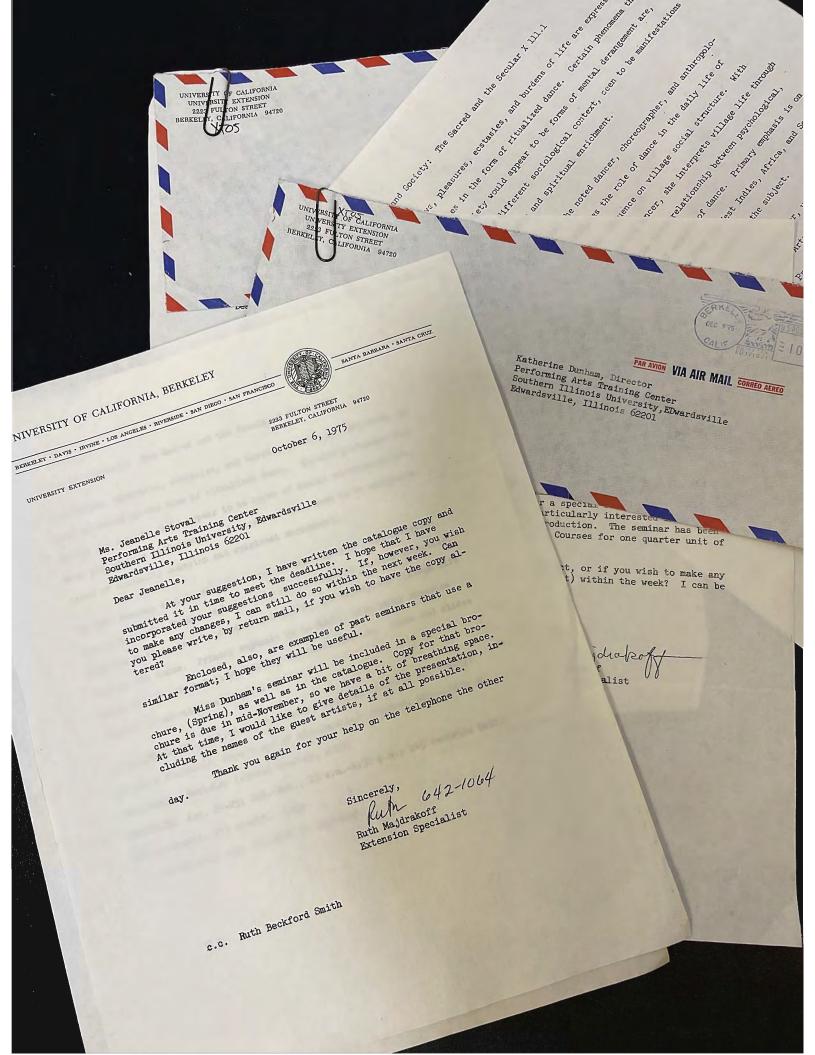
I look forward to meeting you when you arrive at Berkeley. At shall ask you about materials that you may wish to have duplicated dents, and about other final preparations for the seminar.

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October 6, 1975

Katherine Dunham, Director Performing Arts Training Center Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Edwardsville, Illinois 62201

Dear Miss Dunham:

Please accept this letter of agreement as a confirmation of your participation in the University Extension program designed for the Bay Area Public.

TITLE: Dance and Society: The Sacred and the Secular X 111.1

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, 1976; 10 a.m.-12;30 p.m. & 2-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Berkeley Campus of the University of California

CREDIT: One (quarter-term) unit in Anthropology

HONORARIUM: \$300

ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO YOU: Up to \$200 for compensation of assisting personnel (dancer and drummer), and rental of films.

If you care to have a "reader" correct the examinations of those students opting for credit, we shall pay that reader at the regular campus hourly rate for such assignments.

Since University Extension is self-supporting, it is necessary to enroll a minimum number of students to cover the cost of the seminar. If pre-enrollment is insufficient, we are required to cancel the seminar. Though this rarely occurs, it is best to bring this to your attention at an early date.

If any of these details are not in accord with your understanding, may I please hear from you as early as possible?

Sincerely,

Ruth Majdrakoff

Extension Specialist

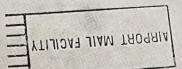
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and we very much look forward to the occasion.

Although I know that you have now returned from Haiti, rather than telephone you with a long list of questions, I am taking this opportunity to discuss some of these questions in letter form, so by the time that I telephone next week, you will have had a chance to consider your preferences.

Your seminar is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, 1976; Ruth tells me that these dates are agreeable to you. It will be offered for one-quarter unit of upper division credit in anthropology, and only students who enroll for the entire 10 hours of instruction (five on each day) will be admitted to the seminar. If it seems feasible to you, we could divide the seminar into four sessions:

Saturday - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday - same schedule

When you decide upon the seminar's content, it may be that you would prefer a three hour session at one time, and two hours at another - or any other number of variables. As long as we fulfill the ten-hour requirement for one-quarter unit of credit, the format and schedule can be any way that you wish to design them.

Before discussing content, it may be helpful to tell you a little bit about your students. University Extension students are usually educated adults who have their degrees in any number of subject areas, and who return to the University for continuing intellectual enrichment. Many students do not avail themselves of the credit option. Those that do, incidentally, will be expected to prepare a take-home examination that will be due within two weeks of the conclusion of the seminar. We will ask you to name a "reader" of your choice for these papers, and we will, of course, pay the reader for his or her time.

As I read through some of the materials that you have prepared for courses in the past, I was particularly struck by one of your major themes, and I think this might be an excellent one for an Extension audienc: the role

Beth Hart Fain, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

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Katharin Dunham Performing Arts Theater 532 North 10th Street East St. Louis, Illinois 62201 9419 Charleville Blvd. Beverly Hills, Ca., 90212 212-271-6489

June 24, 1982

Re: Reggae Ballets

Dear Mrs. Dunham,

Agnes de Mille Prude suggested I write you regarding the reggae ballets because of your intensive studies in black dancing. Also she thought you would be of some help in promoting these endeavors.

At present time I await a decision from Dance Theatre of Harle m and Goeffry Holder. I anticipate, based on their respective schedules that I will hear from them in the latter part of August.

These works will incorporate the "roots" of the reggae beat as well as the Jamican reggae movement. It is estimated that an original music score could be completed within a year. The music will include jazz, blues, and African rhythms and we envision the reggae beat to be an intrinsic undercurrent to the score. It is essential to capture the soul of Bob Marley's music. The enclosed ulogy by the Hon. Edward Seaga, Prime Minister of Jamica for the Hon. Bob Marley eloquently conveys the spirit of the project.

I feel confident that support will be forthcoming. The U.S. Business Committee on Jamaica, headed by David Rockefeller, composed of thwenty five the the Fortune five hundred companies is in a position to help. However, I imagine I will need additional monies for the movie and record. Ideally I would like to enlist the support of the black business community and black artists.

I am interested in your ideas about these works and thank you for your kind attention and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Beth Hast Fain, Producer UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
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Ms. Jeanelle STOVALL
Assistant to the Director
Performing Arts Training Center
Southern Illinois University
East St. Louis, Illinois

East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Ms. STOVALL:

Since I last spoke with you in July, I have completed my work in Boston with the Legend of Maya Deren group and returned to the Bay Area.

Upon my return, I found that my financial situation has been negatively affected by unforeseen circumstances at the University. I feel that at this point in my career I would be ill advised to absent myself from the Afro-American Studies Department for a year's time. I therefore wish to withdraw my name from the list of those being considered to teach in Miss Dunham's place during her stay in the Bay Area. At this time, I am unaware of Ms. Shange's plans for the coming year. I trust that my withdrawal will not affect in any way her chances for consideration.

Although I will be unable to meet the Dunham staff in East St. Louis, I hope to be able to offer all of you a warm and enthusiastic welcome once you arrive here in California. I will be writing to Miss Dunham very soon regarding the Maya Deren Project due for publication in March/July 1976. I still hope to interview Miss Dunham about her relationship with Maya during the 40's and 50's.

Thank you for your interest in my work. I hope to meet and talk with you here in Berkeley as of Spring, 1976.

Sincerely,

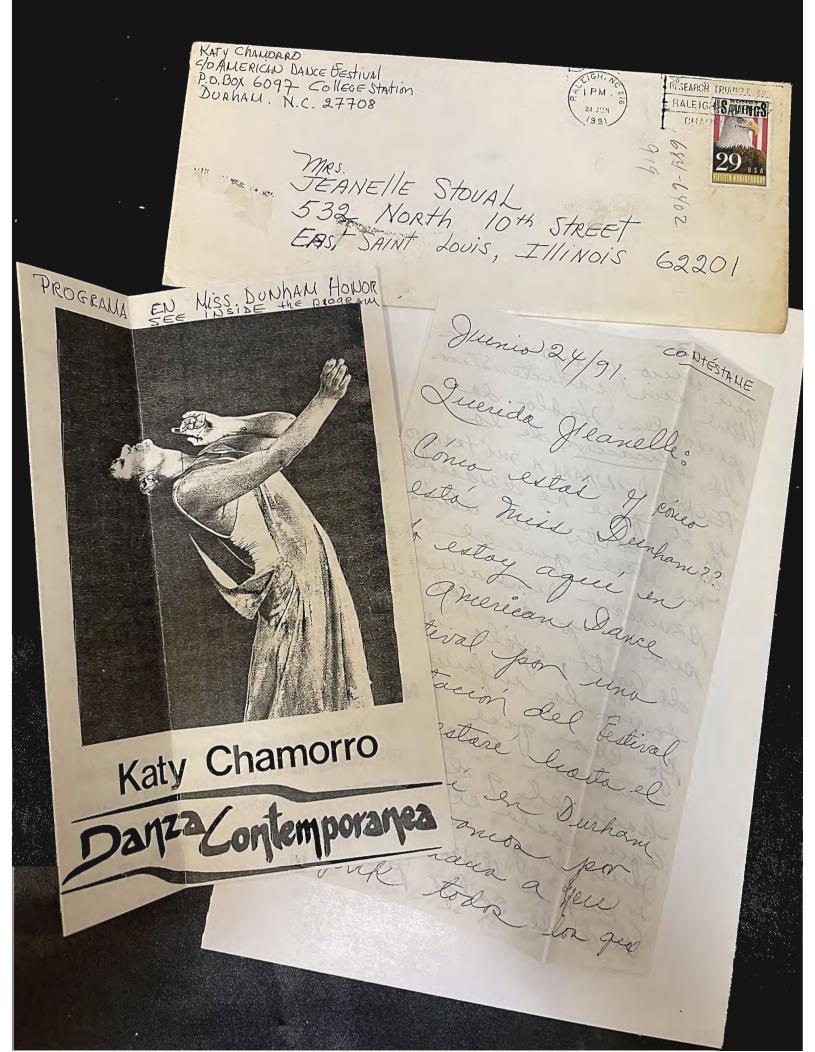
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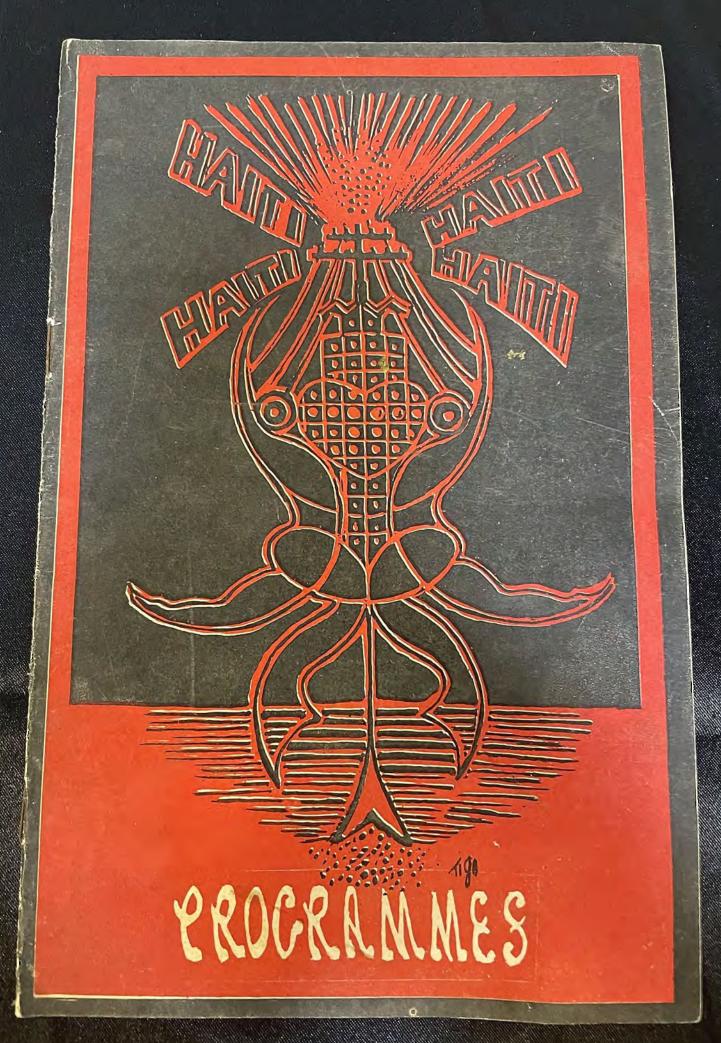
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Name Miss Katherine Dunham
accept with pleasure your kind invitation
Number of reservations for:
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———Oscar Micheaux Awards Ceremony, Paramount Theatre Seats, regularly \$7.50, available to dinner
ticket holders at \$5.00 Total \$
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Other tickets at \$2.50 to \$6.50 available at the Paramount Theatre and its outlets.
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Please enclose stamped salf-addressed envelope for return of tickets







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