

## MS-193 Josephine Schwarz / Jane Reece Photograph Collection

**Collection Number:** MS-193

**Title:** Josephine Schwarz / Jane Reece Photograph Collection

**Dates:** 1912-1944

**Creator:** Schwarz, Josephine, 1908-2004

**Summary/Abstract:**

Collection consists of 89 photographs and four handwritten notes created by Dayton photographer Jane Reece, and owned by Josephine Schwarz. Contains portraits of Josephine and Hermene Schwarz, the Schwarz family, two self-portraits, and nature photographs.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 5 linear ft. (7 flat boxes)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:** The photographs in this collection were donated by Miss Josephine Schwarz.

**Revisions:** Raj Chaudhuri reformatted the finding aid in July, 2013.

**Other Finding Aid:** A complete box and folder inventory for this collection is available on the Special Collections and Archives web site at [http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/ms193.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms193.pdf)

**Related Material:**

Additional information on Miss Josephine Schwarz and her sister Hermene can be found in MS-48, Dayton Ballet Collection. Additional information on Jane Reece can be found in the Jane Reece Collection, MS-151.

**Processed by:** Dawne Dewey and John Brannick, May 1990

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged into 6 series:

Series I: Miss Hermene Schwarz

Series II: Miss Josephine Schwarz

Series III: Miss Josephine and Miss Hermene Together

Series IV: Schwarz Family

Series V: Miscellaneous Portraits

Series VI: Nature and Travel Scenes and four handwritten notes by Jane Reece

**Biographical Note:**

Miss Josephine Schwarz and her sister, Hermene, founded the Dayton Ballet. The photographs were taken by Jane Reece, internationally known Dayton photographer, an associate of Stieglitz and Steichen, and one of the first professional female photographers in the United States. Jane Reece lived from 1868 to 1961.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of eighty-nine photographs taken by Jane Reece, covering approximately twenty-five years from 1912 to 1937. The collection contains portraits and dance compositions of Josephine and Hermene Schwarz, portraits of the Schwarz family and others. It also contains two self-portraits, various birds, flowers, and still lifes. Numerous photographs are signed.

Series I Miss Hermene Schwarz, contains eighteen photographs of Miss Hermene Schwarz. Included in Box 1 is a file folder containing contact sheets of the photographs in this collection and also several extra copies of a few of the photographs.

Series II Miss Josephine Schwarz, contains twenty-four photographs of Miss Josephine Schwarz.

Series III Miss Josephine and Miss Hermene Together contains ten photographs of Miss Josephine and Miss Hermene together.

Series IV Family, contains twenty-one photographs of the Schwarz family.

Series V Miscellaneous Portraits, contains four portraits with non-family members, including Paul Katz, Matilda Dunbar, Dorothy Bruck, and Jane Reece herself.

Series VI Nature and Travel Scenes and four handwritten notes by Jane Reece, contains thirteen nature and travel scenes and four handwritten notes by Jane Reece.

**Subject Terms**

**Persons/Families**

Reece, Jane, 1868-1961--Photographs

Schwarz, Josephine, 1908-2004--Photographs  
 Schwarz, Hermene, 1902-1986--Photographs  
 Schwarz family--Photographs

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Dayton Ballet

**Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Ballet dancers -- Photographs

**Material Types**

Photographs

**Occupations**

Women photographers

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Series I</b>		<b>MISS HERMENE</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	With Scarf	Undated
	2	With red trim	Undated
	3	With hands on chest (no contact print)	Undated
	4	Sitting with hand on chin	Undated
	5	In profile, hair down	Undated
	6	Sitting, hand over head	Undated
	7	Sitting with bonnet on	Undated
	8	With bonnet, three quarters view	Undated
	9	Full face with bangs	Undated
	10 b	Profile (haunting), glossy	Undated
	11 b	At wrought iron door, glossy dark print	Undated
	11 c	At wrought iron door, glossy light print (damaged)	Undated
	12 a	Waiting for Poppy, rice paper, signed JR	Undated
	13 a	"Conspirito", rice paper, signed JR	Undated
	14 b	Hair up, glossy (no contact print)	Undated
	15 b	Full face, short hair, pin at neckline, lighter print	Undated
	16 a	Profile, hair in bun, small print lighter with black corners	Undated
	16 b	Camouflaged by metal door (deterioration at top) torso, looking up. Signed JR.	Undated

Series II		MISS JOSEPHINE	
Box	File	Description	Date
2	17	Dark – hands on hair Companion piece to #18	Undated
	18	Dark print – about to take poison Companion piece to #17	Undated
	19	With earrings	Undated
	20	One shiney strap	Undated
	21	With head-dress signed by JR	Undated
	22	Silhouette	Undated
	23	East Indian costume standing Companion piece to #24 and #25	Undated
	24	East Indian costume sitting head down Companion piece to #23 and #25	Undated
	25	East Indian costume sitting hands raised Companion piece to #23 and #24	Undated
	26	On half pointe in sun	Undated
	27	With wrist chains Companion to #28 and #29	Undated
	28	Stabbing self Companion to #27 and #29	Undated
	29	Expired on floor Companion to #27 and #28	Undated
	30	In gypsy costume	Undated
	31 a	With head-dress companion piece to #21 (2 dyes), darker print signed by JR	Undated
Box	File	Description	Date
3	32 a	Headless, darker print, signed JR	Undated
	33 b	In white tutu, rice paper, signed by JR	Undated
	34 b	“The Maskmaker” rice paper, signed JR	Undated
	35 b	V-neck portrait, (no border) lighter print, signed JR	Undated
	36 a	Portrait with onyx ring, darker print, signed JR	Undated
	36 b	Portrait with onyx ring, lighter print, unsigned	Undated
	37 b	Portrait with square neck, rice paper (contrasts of dark and light)	Undated
	37 c	Portrait with square neck, glossy (fuller print)	Undated
	37 d	Portrait with square neck, matte	Undated

<b>Series III</b>		<b>JOSEPHINE AND HERMENE</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	38	Portrait Jo in profile, Hermene 3/4 (small print)	Undated
	39	Hermene crouching, Jo menacing (small print)	Undated
	40	Portrait Jo and Hermene full face	Undated
	41	“Immanacled Love” titled and signed JR	1929
	42	“The Birth of Aspiration” titled and signed JR	Undated
	43	Jo and Hermene in costume back to back	Undated
	44	“Crossing the bar” titled and signed JR, companion piece to #45	1929
	45	Companion piece (in Russian costume) to #44, signed JR	1929
	46	Posed for dance signed JR, Companion piece to #47	Undated
	47 a	Posed for duet, companion to #46 two days, rice paper	Undated
<b>Series IV</b>		<b>FAMILY</b>	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	48	Hannah Schwarz, portrait small print	
	49 a	Gustave Schwarz, portrait 1 year old, small print: with name and age	1916
	50	Gustave Schwarz, 1 year old, signed JR	1916
	51	Gustave Schwarz, Easter Greeting, Signed JR	1933
	53 b	Hannah and Joseph Schwarz	1932
	54	Hannah Schwarz with handkerchief in pocket	1944
	55	Hannah Schwarz, three quarter portrait with note by Jane Reece	1944
	56 a	AUTOCHROME: Hermene Schwarz in Spanish costume. Seated, holding tulip	Circa 1925
	56 b	AUTOCHROME: Josephine Schwarz, seated (formal portrait)	Circa 1925
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	57	Josephine and Hermene Schwarz at piano	1912
	58 a	Joseph, Hannah, Josephine seated; Milton, Hermene at window, dark print	1912
	58 b	Joseph, Hannah, Josephine seated; Milton, Hermene at window, sepia print, signed JR	1912

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	59	Hannah Schwarz seated in white lace dress, sepia print, signed JR	1912
	60	Milton and Gustave Schwarz standing, Gus holding book	1922
	61	Gustave and Milton Schwarz, Milton holding book	1922
	62 a	Gustave Schwartz, portrait sullenly, arms crossed, clearer print, signed JR	1932
	63	Gustave Schwarz arms crossed looking up	1932
	64 a	Hermene Schwarz, standing in white lacy dress (graduation or graduation dress*), darker print *Josephine Schwarz identified this as graduation dress 2-20-90*	1925
	65	Eula May Schwarz, wife of Milton Schwarz, signed and dated JR	1929
	66	Milton Schwarz, signed and dated JR	1929
	67	Milton Linderman, oldest brother of Hannah Schwarz	Circa 1929
<b>Series V MISCELLANEOUS PORTRAITS</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	68	Hermene Schwarz, Dorothy Bruck, and Josephine Schwarz (left to right), signed JR	Circa 1930
	69	“Matilda Dunbar, the Poet’s Mother” Signed JR with note to Josephine: “To Dear Josie Love Jane”	
	70	Jane Reece, self-portrait, signed and dated 1904 with note “To my little sweetheart Josephine -Jane 1912”	1904, 1912
	71	Paul Katz, Violinist with music, signed JR	1944
<b>Series VI SCENES (BIRDS, NATURE, &amp; TRAVELS)</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	72	Figurine, hand-colored, signed JR	Undated
	73	Dayton Art Institute cloister doorway	Undated
	74	Dayton Art Institute, outside steps with note from Bettie (JR’s housekeeper)	Undated
	75	Portrait of shadow pouring tea against oriental wall hanging	Undated
	76	Blossoming tree branch, cropped from #77	Undated
	77	Blossoming tree branch with shadow, signed JR	Undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	78	Pelican-like bird perched on tree branch, signed and dated JR	1925
	79	Swan in water (no contact print)	Undated
	80	Cockatoo signed and dated	1938
	81	“EZE Roman Village”, signed JR, note on back	Undated
	82	Camel in Egyptian setting with note, signed and dated JR	1927
	84	Roman Village – same as #81 – better print with note JR	1929
	85	Road in front of buildings, signed JR	Undated
	86- 89	Handwritten notes from JR (#86, #87, & #88 – matted, #89 – unmatted)	Undated