

bennington  
college  
dance  
group

friday evening  
march 11, 1949  
providence y.w.c.a.  
at 8:15

the dance group

patsi birsh  
helen cappel  
barbara corey  
joan dubrow  
allegra fuller  
betty anne gillett  
gail grieg  
bert prensky  
doris lee robbins

accompanist

doris lee robbins

technical director

nancy smith

ushers

members of y.w.c.a. health education council

mary frye  
nora haenault  
lois stelik

acknowledgment

mr. earl packard  
stage setting and lighting

program

opening dance . . . . . paul bowles

composed and danced by  
patsi birsh, betty anne gillett,  
allegra fuller

folk songs . . . . . traditional

composed and danced by  
helen cappel

excerpt from heloise and abelard . . lassus d'amiens

composed and directed by  
gail grieg  
nuns - patsi birsh, allegra fuller,  
betty anne gillett  
heloise - a novice - gail grieg

counter statement . . . . . copeland

composed and danced by  
helen cappel

this is a dance of public disgrace.  
the dancer creates emotional patterns  
of shame, fear, anger and pride which  
accompany her experience.

"i wish i may" . . . . . ravel

composed and danced by  
patsi birsh

li'l girl, li'l girl . . . . . negro children's  
games  
recorded for  
library of  
congress

composed and directed by  
allegra fuller

danced by helen cappel, joan dubrow  
allegra fuller, betty anne gillett,  
gail grieg, and doris lee robbins

children's games are based on ancient  
ritual such as london bridge, which  
originates in capture of a prisoner  
for sacrifice.

in this dance, slave children are play-  
ing games, but unconsciously through  
the games they are presenting their  
life in ritualistic form.

1. li'l girl - leaving masters to play
2. sea lion woman - birth ritual
3. shortenin' bread - hunger
4. pullin' the sciff - work
5. all hid - persecution
6. old uncle rabbit - death ritual
7. li'l girl - return to masters

out of the skein . . . . . schubert

composed and danced by  
barbara corey

in time of armament . . . . . marcia burr

composed and danced by  
betty anne gillett

the portrayal of woman's anguish as  
man departs for war

the mother ..... betty anne gillett  
the son ..... bert prensky  
the young girl ... patsi birsch  
the women ..... helen cappel,  
joan dubrow, gail grieg

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intermission

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in the mines of avondale . . . . . traditional  
folk songs and  
hymns

"little did they know that day  
that death would gloom the role  
before they would return again from  
the mines of avondale."

composed and directed by  
patsi birsh



search the dark kingdom . . . . . marcia burr

a dance of desperation which finally  
achieves resolution in affirmation,  
hope and rejoicing.

composed and danced by  
bert prensky

sarabande . . . . . j. bach

a portrait of a young infante of  
the spanish court

composed and danced by  
patsi birsh

preclassic suite . . . . . purcell

composed and danced by  
allegra fuller

so long . . . . . recording  
mezz mezzros

composed and danced by  
patsi birsh and bert prensky

score for the 20's . . . . . recording  
all star trio

danced by  
barbara corey, allegra fuller,  
betty anne gillett, doris lee robbins

composed and directed by  
helene ellis

presented on tour with kind permission of  
miss ellis

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