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**Inventory of the  
Gladys Forrester fonds**

**Inventory #F0189**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0189

**Title:** Gladys Forrester fonds

**Dates:** 1937-1998

**Extent:** 0.12 m of textual records  
60 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Gladys Forrester (1914-1998) was a dancer, teacher and choreographer who began her dance studies in New York in the late 1930's. She was an Advanced Member of Royal Academy of Dancing, England and a graduate of the Chicago Association of Dancing Masters. She joined the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in 1943 and danced with the Volkoff Canadian Ballet, Toronto Festival Dancers and performed in the movie, *The Red Shoes*. In addition, Forrester was a World Highland Champion and also coached others. Forrester taught at the Canadian School of Ballet and was director of the Gladys Forrester School. She also choreographed much of the early work for CBC Television. In recognition of her lifetime achievements, Forrester was honoured with the Presidents Award by the Royal Academy of Dancing in 1998.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of programmes, choreographic and production notes, clippings, photographs, newsletters, awards and certificates, financial documents and notebooks which document the career of Gladys Forrester in Canadian theatre and dance.

**Custodial History:** The material was collected by Gladys Forrester. Ms. Forrester's son, Geoff Smither gave this material to Lee Tovey in the Spring of 1998. Tovey donated it to the Archives in 1999.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** A detailed inventory of material in this fonds can be found in the accession file. File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000189.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1999-056. Further accruals are expected.

**Provenance Access Points:** Forrester, Gladys, 1914-1998

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