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**Inventory of the
Sukanya Rahman fonds**

Inventory #F0606

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0606

Title: Sukanya Rahman fonds

Dates: [196-?] - 1993

Extent: 1 1/4" audio reel : ca. 13 min.
4 videocassettes (ca. 4 hrs) ; VHS.

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Sukanya Rahman (b. 1946) is an Indian classical dancer, and the daughter of Indrani Rahman (1930-1999), a renowned dancer who toured internationally. Also the granddaughter of Raagini Devi, the American dancer who went to India and danced during the 1930s and was instrumental in the revival of the Indian classical dance arts. Sukanya wrote a memoir of her family "Dancing in the Family: an unconventional memoir of three women", published in 2004. Rahman is a performer and teacher of Odissi dance, a form of Indian classical dance originating from the eastern state of Orissa in India.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of musical recordings on one 1/4" audio reel, performed by Deva Prasad Das on vocals and mardal with Shankaran on flute. These performances were intended to accompany the Deba Prasad Das style of Odissi dance. Consists of three separate performances: "Nindata Chandana" Abhinaya, Ashtapadi (an expression-based dance); "Natangi" and a Boomija folk dance from Orissa. These recordings were made to accompany performances by Sukanya Rahman.
Also includes four VHS recordings of performances by Rahman in various venues in the 1990s.

Custodial History: Acquired by graduate student Paromita Kar during the course of her research and then donated to archives.

Availability of other formats: Some records have been digitized with permission from Rahman and is available through YorkSpace.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** There are no restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2010-069. Further accruals may be expected.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000606.html>

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Physical Condition: Material is in fair condition.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Paromita Kar in 2010 and 2011.

Virtual Exhibit:

URL of Virtual Exhibit: <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/dspace/handle/10315/9943>

Provenance Access Points: Rahman, Sukanya, 1946-