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Title: The Róisín Cahalan Collection

Dates of Creation: 1981-2003

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent and Medium: 20 items (10 files)

CONTEXT

Name of Creator(s): Cahalan, Róisín (b. 1973).

Biographical History: Róisín Cahalan was born and raised in Limerick. She trained at the Nolan School of Irish Dance for ten years and later at Scoil Rince Dal gCais under the direction of Anthony Costello. She is a five-time Munster Champion and has placed in the top three at the All-Irelands and British Nationals. Her highest placing at the World Championships was second.

After retiring from competition, Róisín attended the University of Limerick, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business and a postgraduate degree in computer studies. Upon completion of her academic studies, she became a computer programmer in Dublin. Róisín put her career on hold when she joined the Riverdance Liffey Company in August 1996. She moved to the Lagan Company in January 1998 and returned to the Liffey Company in August 1998.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donated by Róisín Cahalan to the National Dance Archive of Ireland on 23 May 2012.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: Costume, certificates, awards, and programmes illustrating Róisín Cahalan's development as a dancer and her later involvement in Riverdance The Show.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: Accruals are possible.

System of Arrangement: The items have been arranged into three series according to their form and thereunder chronologically by date.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to all items.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

Language/ Scripts of Material: English, Irish, Japanese, and Chinese.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Paper documents and textiles in good condition.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the Special Collections and Archives Department, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note: Papers arranged and described by Anna-Maria Hajba.

Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000; *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*, 2009; *National Council on Archives: Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, 1997; and *EAP Guidance on Data Protection for Archive Services*, 2018.

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1 COSTUMES (1981)

- 1/1 [c. 1981]
Blue Irish dancing costume with white lining; blue, cream, red and gold embroidery in a Celtic design; and a white crocheted collar, worn by Róisín Cahalan as a child.
1 item

2 CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS (1983-1986)

- 2/1 1983
Certificate of participation in the 1983 World Irish Dancing Championships issued to Róisín Cahalan by the Irish Dancing Commission. In Irish.
1 item

- 2/2 1986
Certificate of participation in the 1986 World Irish Dancing Championships issued to Róisín Cahalan by the Irish Dancing Commission. In Irish.
1 item

- 2/3 [c. 1980s]
Handkerchief with pink edging awarded to female participants in the World Irish Dancing Championships.
1 item

- 2/4 [c. 1980s]
Handkerchief with pale blue edging awarded to male participants in the World Irish Dancing Championships.
1 item

3 PROGRAMMES (1997-2003)

- 3/1** [1997?]
Souvenir programmes of *Riverdance The Show* tour. Pasted on the inside cover of one of these programmes is a press cutting from *Limerick Leader* relating to Cahalan's participation in the British tour of Riverdance.
3 items
- 3/2** [1998?]
Souvenir programme of *Riverdance The Show* tour.
1 item
- 3/3** 2000
Souvenir Programme of *Riverdance The Show* 2000 Japan Tour. Inserted between the pages is a photocopy of two admission tickets. In English and Japanese.
2 items
- 3/4** 2003
Souvenir programmes of *Riverdance The Show* 2003 China Tour. With related inserts. In English and Chinese.
6 items
- 3/5** 2003
Souvenir programmes of *Riverdance The Show* 2003 Japan Tour. With related inserts. In English and Japanese.
4 items