

Michelle Potter: Publications

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'*Giselle*: ballet at the crossroads', article for the Paris Opera Ballet's Australian season, 2013

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Shorter articles and reviews

Over 1,000 reviews, feature articles and smaller communications for magazines, journals, theatre programs and newspapers in both print and online formats. These shorter articles have been published in *The Age*, *The Australian*, *Australian Art Review*, *Australian Book Review*, *Ballet.co*, *Ballet News*, *Brolga*, *The Bulletin*, *The Canberra Times*, *Current News from the Library for the Performing Arts* (e-newsletter), *DanceTabs*, *Dance Australia*, *Dance Chronicle*, *Dance Forum*, *Dance Research*, *Journal of the Australian Society of Archivists*, *Limelight*, *Michelle Potter...on dancing* (website), *Muse*, *Museum National*, *Queensland Performing Arts Centre* (website), *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *Voices*.

Non print: Video/DVD productions

The Australian Ballet: Opening Act, 1962–1972 (National Film and Sound Archive and the National Library of Australia, 2002)

Boro's Ballet: The Making of an Australia Ballet 1939–1961 (National Film and Sound Archive and the National Library of Australia, 2001)

The Ballets Russes in Australia: An Avalanche of Dancing, 1936–1940 (National Film and Sound Archive and the National Library of Australia, 1999)

Non-print: Exhibitions

INVENTION: Merce Cunningham and collaborators, 19 June – 13 October 2007.
Donald and Mary Oenslager Gallery, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts,
New York.

Dance people, dance, a travelling exhibition for the National Library of Australia,
Canberra 1997 and subsequently touring until 1999 to Orange, Sydney, Launceston,
Hobart, Adelaide, Alice Springs, Townsville, Brisbane, Newcastle, and Melbourne. An
online version of this exhibition was created in 2004

The Ballets Russes in Australia, 1936-1940: Photographs by Max Dupain, National
Library of Australia in conjunction with Dance Week, March-May 1996

Australian stages, Canberra Theatre Centre in conjunction with the National Festival
of Australian Theatre, October 1993

Plus several small foyer exhibitions of collection items from the National Library of
Australia and curatorial assistance with two dance-related exhibitions for the
Queensland Performing Arts Trust, Brisbane