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In Town for **Gala Evening**

First Lady

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THE NEW YORK TIMES. TH

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There is no need to search far afield for the reasons. It was a collection that offered two distinguished creative artists-a dancer and a photographer-a meeting ground. Because they shared the same sensibility and because of the authority each wielded in her respective medium, these two women collaborated together in the truest sense. The result was never a mere pictorial record of Miss Graham's choreography and dancing:

ULTRA BETTY: Ann-Margaret gave Betty and President Ford June 16, 1975 matching Halston UltraSuede Jackets during a visit to the White Here to receive an award from the Anti-Defamation League of B nat B nth. Betty, Ford singled out Martha Graham, her former dance teacher, as "my very, very favorite parson. The President's wife credited Miss Graham with helping to shape her life and strings has the courage to stand up to all, the things the had to go through." The First Lady held her first reunion with Miss Graham since studying with her in the last nineteen-thirties. [1:6-8.] House. And when the First Lady takes her seat in New York Thursday at the benefit for Martha Graham, she'll be wearing her first made-to-order Halston. The dress, which she, Halston and Mar-tha decided on in Mar-tha's New York store N. y. Tines last week has a long, fit-ted front with a capelet back and sleeves. The Women's Wear fabric: violet chiffon layered over bright, light blue. Ms. Ford -3 8 doesn't need many fit-tings, "because she's a perfect model's size," says Halston. She'll simply pop in Thursday to pick it up. (石石) 福利司、位相管学校设计 and metry and any provide the construction of the second of the construction of the second second second second



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A Couple of Former Pupils

First Lady Betty Ford and comedian Woody Allen, both Martha Graham's former pupils, arrive at New York's Uris Theater last night for the Martha Graham Dance Company's gala 50th anniversary benefit teaming Rudolf Nureyev and Dame Margot Fonteyn in Graham's "Lucifer." Mrs. Ford wears constant for her by designer Halston; Allen, with "Love and Death" co-star Diane Keaton, right, wears black-tie and matching sneakers.

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Gala and Glamour Leap for Miss Graham

THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, JUN

By MURRAY SCHUMACH

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Benefit unites Woody Allen, Mrs. Ford

New York

Betty Ford will be escorted by comedian Woody Allen Thursday night when she attends the Martha Graham Dance Company's benefit performance here.

Both Mrs. Ford and Mr. Allen have studied dance at the Martha Graham school and both are admirers of the octogenarian modern dance pioneer.

Last Thursday, at a reunion with her former dance teacher, Mrs. Ford called Miss Graham "my very, very favorite person." She also handed Miss Graham a \$125 check for a ticket to the benefit performance.

Referring to Miss Graham as a "genius of the theater," Mr. Allen last fall enrolled in a Graham beginners' class "to gain more insight into her work."

Mr. Allen has contributed \$5,000 to the benefit, aimed at ridding the company of a serious financial deficit. Dancers Rudolf Nureyev and Dame Margot Fonteyn will be the guest stars.



Martha Graham

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Mrs. Ford celebrates with dancers

Betty Ford (second from right) chatted on stage Thursday night with Martha Graham (right), the 81-year-old choreographer, and Rudolph Nureyev (left) and Dame Margot Fonteyn, lead dancers in Miss Graham's new production, "Lucifer." The performance, at New York's Uris Theater, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Martha Graham Dance Company, with which Mrs. Ford once danced.

The Elite Paraded For Martha Anyone Who's Anyone

Made the Benefit Benefit

By Louise Lague.

NEW YORK — Martha Graham's father, who loved women, horses and medicine, once told her: "Martha, you run best on a muddy track."

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(BETTY) (ADV FOR 8:00 P.M. EDT)

NEW YORK (UPI) -- MRS. GERALD FORD RELIVED HER BRIEF CAREER AS DANCER BETTY BLOOMER THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE GALA 50TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE OF THE MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY.

PRESIDENT FORD REMAINED IN WASHINGTON AS THE FIRST LADY FLEW HERE FOR AN EVENING HONORING THE 81-YEAR-OLD MISS GRAHAM AT THE URIS THEATER. MRS. FORD'S ESCORT WAS COMEDIAN WOODY ALLEN.

MRS. FORD STUDIED AT MISS GRAHAM'S DANCE SCHOOL IN THE LATE 1930S WHEN SHE WAS MISS BLOOMER AND DANCED PROFESSIONALLY WITH THE COMPANY AT CARNEGIE HALL. ALLEN TOOK A BEGINNING DANCE COURSE AT THE SCHOOL LAST FALL.

MRS. FORD, WEARING A VIOLET CHIFFON GOWN BY HALSTON, AND ALLEN HAD THIRD ROW SEATS RESERVED FOR A THREE HOUR PROGRAM STARRING WESTERN BALLET'S MOST FAMOUS TEAM, BRITAIN'S DAME MARGOT FONTEYN AND RUSSIAN-BORN RUDOLF NUREYEV.

GLITTER ON STAGE WAS PROVIDED BY A SET OF COSTUMES DESIGNED BY HALSON OUT OF GOLD, SILVER, AND PLATINUM FABRIC STUDDED WITH DIAMONDS AND RUBIES AND VALUED AT \$250,000. SUBSCRIBERS, WHO PAID FROM \$50 FOR BALCONY SEATS TO \$10,000 FOR

SUBSCRIBERS, WHO PAID FROM \$50 FOR BALCONY SEATS TO \$10,000 FOR FRONT ORCHESTRA SEATS, INCLUDED GOV. HUGH CAREY, MRS. PATRICIA KENNEDY LAWFORD AND HER SISTER, MRS. STEPHEN SMITH, PAUL NEWMAN AND JOANNE WOODWARD, LAUREN BACALL, MRS. JOHN HAY WHITNEY, METROPOLITAN OPERA GENERAL MANAGER SCHULER CHAPIN, BARONESS BETHSABEE DE ROTHSCHILD, PAULETTE GODDARD, PHOTOGRAPHER RICHARD AVEDON, AND DANNY KAYE.

THE GALA, WHICH RAISED \$200,000 BEFORE THE CURTAIN WENT UP, WILL RETIRE THE GRAHAM SCHOOL AND DANCE COMPANY'S \$75,000 DEBT AND PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE. ALMOST EVERYTHING CONNECTED WITH THE PRODUCTION AND A CREPES-WITH-CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW WAS DONATED BY FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

BY FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL. A NEW GRAHAM BALLET, "LUCIFER", FEATURED DAME MARGOT AND NUREYEV IN WHAT WAS THE BRITISH BALLERINA'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT MODERN DANCE. ALSO SCHEDULED WERE A BRIEF DEMONSTRATION OF THE GRAHAM DANCE TECHNIQUE, SOLOS FROM FOUR OTHER GRAHAM DANCES, AND DAME MARGOT AND NUREYEV IN THE CLASSIC PAS DE DEUX FROM "SWAN LAKE."

MRS. FORD ARRIVED FROM WASHINGTON IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON AND RESTED AT HER WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL SUITE, VISITING WITH FRIENDS, UNTIL CURTAIN TIME.

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NEW YORK (AP) -- RUDOLF NUREYEV HAILED THE EVENT AS ''A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT'' IN HIS CAREER. ''I HAVE WORKED WITH MARTHA GRAHAM, THE CRADLE OF MODERN DANCE.''

HIS PARTNER IN THURSDAY NIGHT'S WORLD PREMIERE OF GRAHAM'S "LUCIFER," DAME MARGOT FONTEYN, SAID SHE LOVED THE EVENING. "IT WAS VERY EXCITING. AND WASN'T IT MARVELOUS THAT MRS. FORD CAME? SHE WAS THE CROWN OF THE PERFORMANCE!"

BACK STAGE, GREETING THE DANCERS AND WELL-WISHERS, THE FIRST LADY SAID SHE WAS "BUBBLY" FROM THE EXCITEMENT.

COMEDIAN WOODY ALLEN, IN TUXEDO AND BLACK-AND-WHITE SNEAKERS, ESCORTED MRS. FORD.

MRS. FORD, WHO DURING INTERMISSION RECALLED HER YEARS AS A PUPIL OF MISS GRAHAM AS ''EXCITING, THRILLING, EXHILARATING AND MEMORABLE,'' CAME ON STAGE AT THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE AND PRESENTED MISS GRAHAM WITH A BOUQUET OF WHITE ROSES.

THE EVENING OF DANCE WAS TO BENEFIT THE MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY. A CAPACITY CROWD OF MORE THAN 1,800 ATTENDED AT BROADWAY'S URIS THEATER, RAISING ABOUT \$200,000.

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July 10, 1975

Ms. Patti Matson Assistant Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Patti:

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Thank you for your kind note.

Enclosed are Xeroxes of some of the press clippings we have picked up so far. When Tom returns from Europe on August 5, he will offset a booklet of all the press clippings we have on the benefit, and I will forward several copies to you.

Yours,

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Cynthia Parker General Manager

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Lucifer; Startling Detente of Dance

By Alan M. Kriegsman NEW YORK—If someone had suggested a decade ago that a day would, the help of a glittering array of trons who had paid from \$50 to \$10 000 for the privilege of attendance nearly \$200000 was raised toward this real at a single stroke

A Black Tie, Sneakers, and The First Lady on His Arm

By Judy Bachrach

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Entertainment

Woody Allen, a devotee and former pupil of Graham, just wanted to celebrate the 50th anniversary

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At the "Lucifer" benefit; Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward; Jean Kennedy Smith; Lauren Bacall; Andy Warl







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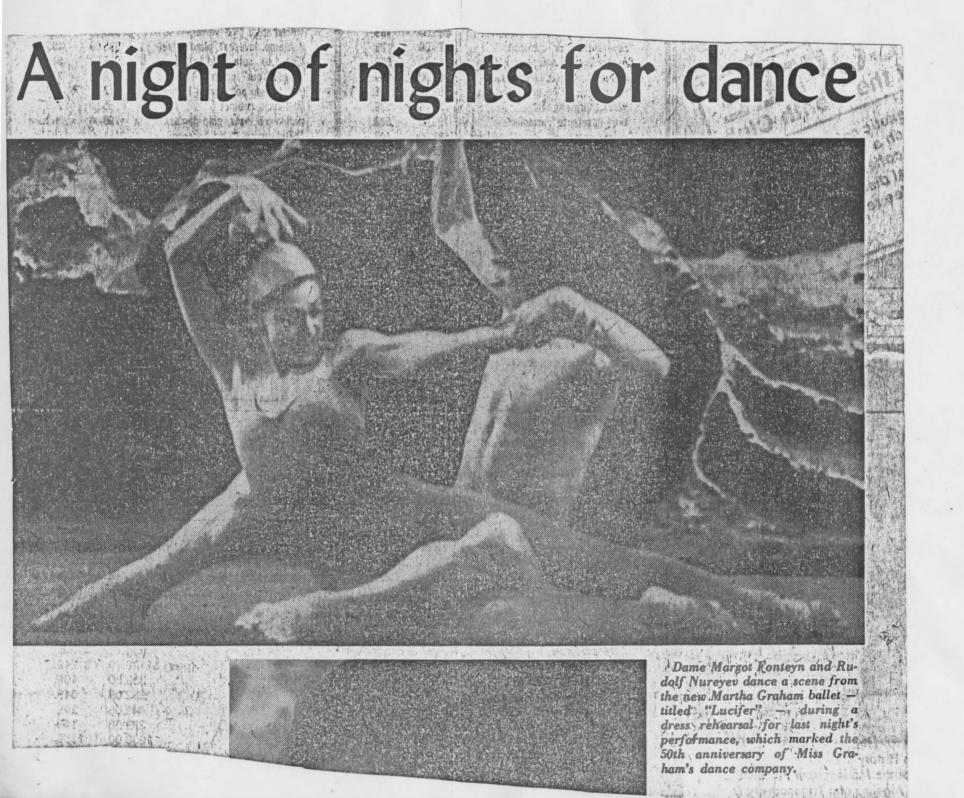
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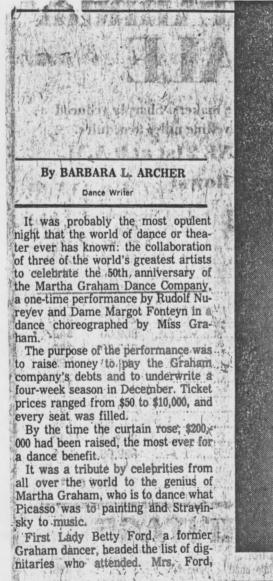
a fund-raising gala could have been replaced with a full season.

Historically, the aspect of the event that is destined



Jackie Onassis, her daughter, Caroline Kennedy, and the grand duchess of modern dance, Martha Graham, animatedly watch a rehearsal of "Lucifer," created by Miss Graham for Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev. The dance premieres tonight at the Uris Theater at a fund-raising event for Miss Graham's dance troupe and the giamorous audience will include Betty Ford, who's honorary chairman of the event. Mrs. Onassis is honorary co-vice chairman.







wearing, a purple, chiffon dress designed by Halston, arrived at 8:15 and received a standing ovation.

She was escorted by Woody Allen at (5th)? tired in black tie and sneakers. Allen: admires Miss Graham's dances so much that he has studied with her and says he is working on a film script? called "Dreams and Furies", that is to inspired by Miss Graham's work? As a sign of his esteem for her, Allen contributed \$5,000, but the 400 Miss be

The Kennedy family was represented by Patricia, Lawford and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith. Lee Radziwill attended as did Bethsabee de Rothschild, a benefactress of Miss Graham since the early part of her career, in stall the Thirties. of the Full and the AP low "The list of celebrities was-almost endless: Paul Newman (and Joanne Internet) Woodward, longtime dance lovers: filmmaker and artist Andy Warhol; Polly Bergen; Alice Tully; Dick Cavett: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Traub (He is the president; of Bloomingdale's) Schuyler Chapin, of the Metropolitan Opera: Diane Keaton; and the stars of the Stuttgart Ballet currently appearing at the Met. Marcia Haydee and Richard Cragun.

During intermissions, the sculpted white galleries of the Uris Theater overflowed with designer originals, yards of chiffon, silk, and lace. Diamonds glittered on necks and ears, decolletes revealed tanned, sleek bodies, and breasts peeped out from seethrough gowns. Women stared at each other with See STARS, Page A-23

the stage An artist. Martha Graham has said. the bringer of light. And Rudolf Nuz, eyev, she has said, is a god of light., The description is actually a bit mild because to watch Nureyev dance is not to experience a gentle illumina tion, it's to be struck by lightning. Last night at the world premiere of

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Black tie and sneakers First Lady Betty Ford and escort Woody Allen (in black and white formal wear and black and white gym shoes), at left, lead an array of famous faces at a sold-out tribute to Martha Graham that was aimed at wiping oùt her dance company's deficit. Page 3A.

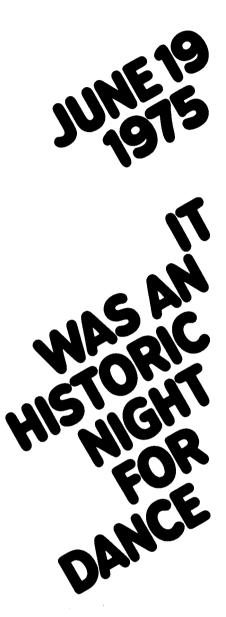
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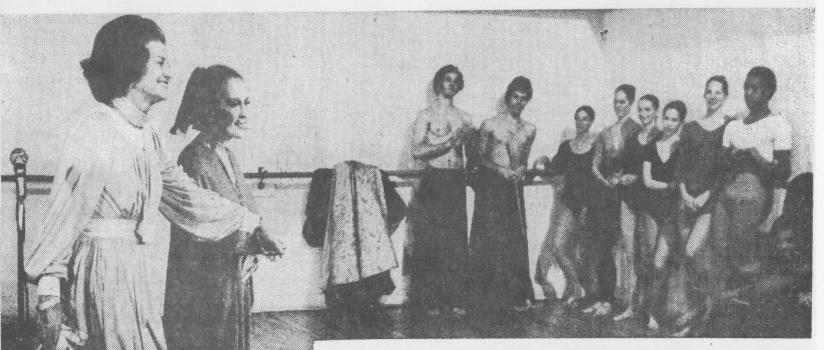


Martha Graham Dance Company 50th Anniversary Celebration



The New York Times

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1975



A Martha Graham Student Comes Back

By ANNA KISSELGOFF

ing with the eminent modern- watched the Graham dancers Singling out Marthe Gra- dance nioneer here in the rehearce a section of "Inci-

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1975

The Dance: Graham Gala

Fonteyn and Nureyev in 'Lucifer' Premiere

By CLIVE BARNES Symbols clashed exultantly at the climax of Wednesday The Program

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY GALA, artistic director and choreosraphy, Martha Graham; conductor, Robert Irvins; music adviser, Eugene Lester, Produced by Ron Protas, At the Uris Theater. MESSENGER OF FATE (Excerpt from prologue of Civtemnestra), music, Halim El-Dabh; lighting, Jeán Rosenthal; bass-baritone, John Ostendorf. With Mario Pelazno.

only manages the duality of the character with exceptional subtlety, he also dances ... the choreography with a natural authority that is all the more remarkable in that, unannounced, he was dancing throughout the evening with an injured ankle. He moves with a naturally pantherine,

DANCE VIEW

CLIVE BARNES

Galas Are Good, But Seasons Are Better

a fund-raising gala could have been replaced with a full season.

Historically, the aspect of the event that is destined for the record books was the first performance of Graham's new work "Lucifer," starring (and the word here seems oddly appropriate) Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn. Nureyev has been studying with Graham, and with his insatiable curiosity about every aspect of the theater and his equally indefatigable energy, he has mastered the technique and style to a remarkable extent. His earlier experience dancing with Paul Taylor probably helped, and Graham was able to create the role of Lucifer on him. Fonteyn was not available for a full rehearsal period and her role of Night was made for another dancer, Janet Eilber, and subsequently adapted and taught to Fonteyn. It may be for this reason that Fonteyn appeared to be far more out of place than the seemingly acclimatized Nureyev.

The glamorous gala audience was treated to the Graham company dancing magnificently en fête. The troupe was such fun that amid all the praise and glory one almost forgot the difficult financial circumstances which had caused Graham to abandon any plans for a proper New York season during 1974-75 and that this one gaudy night was New York City's only view of one of the country's major dance companies. In this respect the evening, despite all the black ties and pink champagne, had a dark undertow. How nice to have a gala; how much nicer it would have been if such

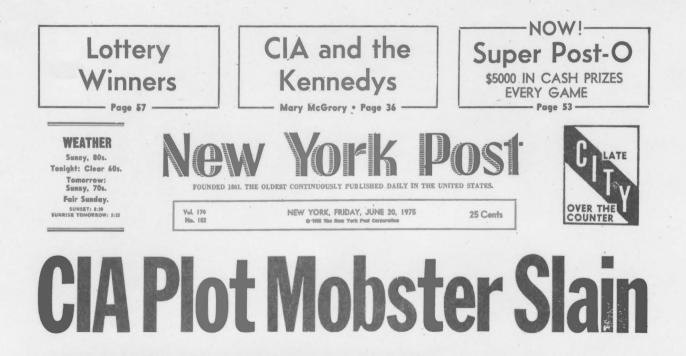
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Graham Elan in Photos That 'Speak'

By ANNA KISSELGOFF Barbara Morgan's book of photographs of Martha Graham, published in 1941,





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Mr. & Mrs. Carleton Varney



Paul Newman and Mrs. Gerald Ford



Lauren Bacall



Marcia Haydee



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Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Traub



Norma French and Jerry Hammer

Joanne Woodward and Martha Graham

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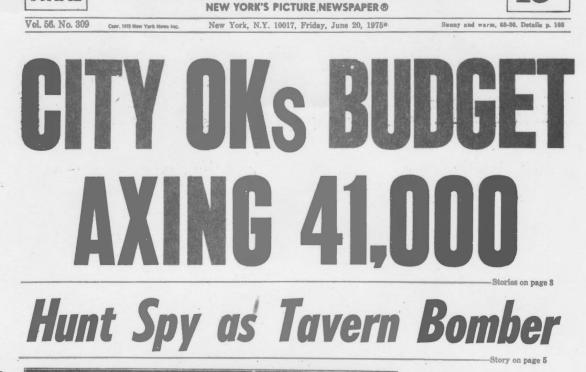
A Martha Graham premiere has always been an important event. But never has it had the hoopla of her 50th Anniversary benefit gala last night at the Uris. There were the secret service and police to guard Betty Ford, the President's wife and honored guest, the identification check-ups on the press, the frantic photographers and though she looks ill at ease crowds of celebrities so thick in the floor work, she was that you couldn't raise your impressive as the imperious Miss Fonteyn do Swan" pas de de adoringly partner yev who had litt support her. Bu formed with si and heaviness th was quite wood of her immacu line. Such quibl gracious, howeve ning of generou

Mrs. Ford, joined Miss Graf stars on stage at and there were everyone. All in quite an event.



MARTHA GRAHAM is deep into rehearsals for her dance company's 50th anniversary celebration next Thursday night, but not so deep that she couldn't

one of them," she said. "He never lets his mind get in the way of his body as most people do." Brought up in a strictly Puritan background with one Presbyterian and one Catholic



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First Lady In Town for Gala Evening

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Martha brings Betty on stage after gala. and the second s

The Beautiful People

Betty Ford, once a student of Martha Graham, arrives at the Uris Theater last night to see perform ance that benefited the debt-ridden Martha Graham Dance Company. The first lady was escorted by a nomic Woody Allen, who was all dressed up in a tuxedo- and dressed down in sneakers. They and a host of the city's beautiful people saw Darget Fonteyn and Rudola Nureyev dance "Lucifer."

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uner picture page one Lauren Bacall savors an intermission,

DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1975 **Ist Lady & Woody** In Step for Legend By RICHARD EDMONDS Woody Allen took Betty Ford to the Martha

Graham dance benefit last night. They arrived at the





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Photos by Linda Wheeler—The Washington Post Martha Graham, above, at the benefit performance of "Lucifer":

'Lucifer': Startling

Washington Post June 21, 1975

Detente of Dance

By Alan M. Kriegsman

NEW YORK—If someone had suggested a decade ago that a day would soon come when the President's wife two supreme artists of the classical ballet and the world's greatest living tentes of the century—an unforeseen (though probably inevitable) reconciliation of the modern dance movement with the very phenomenon—classical ballet—it had set forth 50 years earthe dark and brilliant byways of human souls.

As Graham herself has explained, Lucifer, her protagonist and alter ego, signifies in this work not Satan but a Promethan bearer of light a fallen

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Black tie and sneakers

First Lady Betty Ford and escort Woody Allen (in black and white formal wear and black and white gym shoes), at left, lead an array of famous faces at a sold-out tribute to Martha Graham that was aimed at wiping out her dance company's deficit.

Branching out

Breatmenting out Robert Bernstein, who has been presenting concerts on Long Island for 24 years, is spreading his wings. Starting Nov. 16 and running through the spring of 1976, Bernstein will present a series of concerts at Carnegie Hall featuring unter hill with mitter the number double bills with artists who rarely perform in pairs. Page 11A.

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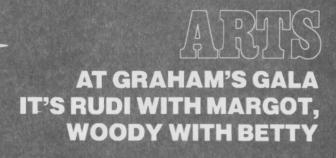
Giving Tribute To a Great Lady

By Jerry Parker

High fashion, high society, and high culture all came together last night in Manhattan, and all for the benefit of one elderly, debt-ridden dance teacher.

At 81, Martha Graham has been around long enough to collect other tributes, but last night even my career," Joanne Woodward said. "I studied with her 25 years ago." Miss Woodward's gumchewing husband, Paul Newman, kised Miss Graham on the cheek backstage following the performance and murnured in her ear, "The style is beyond amazement."

Mrs. Ford, elegant in a flowing blue chiffon by the designer Halston, who also contributed the cos-



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Woody Allen, Betty Ford's official escort, arrived late in unusual evening attire. With him is actress-friend Diane Keaton.

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"White House sources say politics is what really wrecked the energy bill in the House", Robert Pierpoint (CBS) reported. "They charge the Democrats have decided to do nothing serious about the impending energy shortage forcing President Ford to act with what limited powers he has. Then next year with the natural gas shortage almost inevitable and gasoline prices rising, Mr. Ford will take the political heat and the Democrats will enjoy the election year benefits." -- AP; UPI; NBC; CBS (6/20/75)

Woody Allen Denies Affair With First Lady

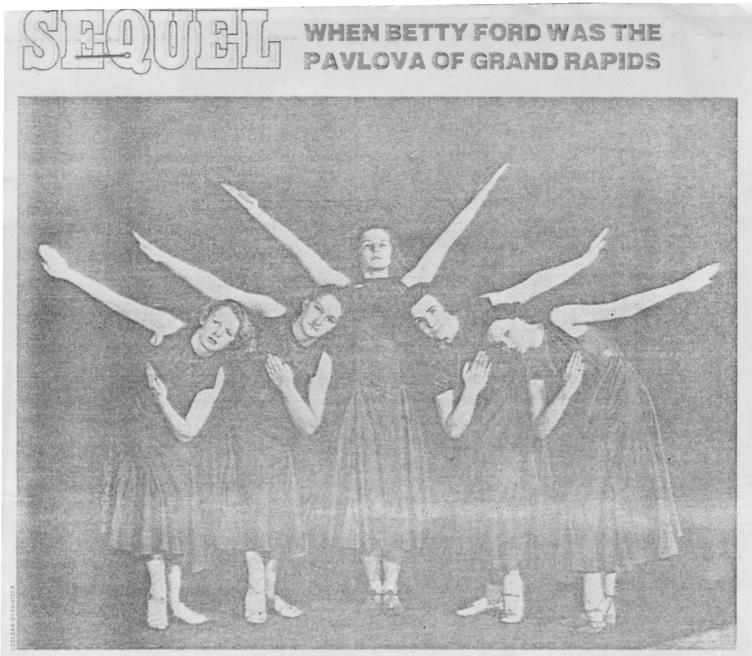
Comedian Woody Allen, Mrs. Ford's sneaker-clad escort at a Thursday night benefit for Martha Graham's dance troup, told reporters the couple are "just good friends." Both the Today Show and CBS Morning News showed the event on film.

Allen and Mrs. Ford are both alumni of Martha Graham. Mrs. Ford quit to get married; Allen said he quit because his legs cramped. -- NBC Today Show; CBS Morning News (6/20/75)

Ford Welcomes Mariana Islands As Commonwealth

President Ford welcomed with pleasure Friday the vote of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to become American citizens and turn their string of Pacific islands into a commonwealth of the U.S.

The President said in a statement released at the White House that he will quickly submit their covenant to Congress with his strong endorsement, AP reported. -- AP (6/20/75)



Betty Bloomer, now First Lady Betty Ford, was selected for the center position in 'Modern Melodies,' a production of the Calia Travis School of Dance in 1936, during Betty's senior high school year in Grand Rapids. Choreographer Mrs. Kay Clark (below) is still a good friend.



Poised in the center of a group that could have been called "the Winged Victory," 18-year-old Betty Bloomer already looked like the serious student of modern dance she would soon become under the tute lage of her idol, Martha Graham.

Even as a young devotee in Grand Rapids, Mich. in 1935, "Bets" Bloomer, as Mrs. Gerald Ford was then known, approached modern dance with a kind of Zelda Fitzgerald-fervor that distinguished her from less dedicated peers.

Back then, Mrs. Ford's instructor was a warm, friendly 28-year-old named

Kathryn Sousa Clark, who has remained a close friend and confidant of the First Lady. From Kay Clark's files in Grand Rapids came the pictures on these pages, which illustrate Betty Ford's long-ago love, and burgeoning talent, for dance.

Now a trim 68, "Miss Kay" remembers her one-time student with nostalgic admiration. "Bets had a certain star quality," the teacher recalls. "When people saw her they would say, 'Now there's a beautiful woman!' She had a good body and good facial expressions. Other dancers could

By Alan M. Kriegsman Yes, the city has changed a lot," Martha Graham said Thursday, reand a second a second second

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Y'I'd Still Like To Be Up There Dancing' contacting her, immediately, if I should feel the need. But I don't use it-except in a friendly way. There are too many people ready to take advantage of another person's situa-

mitment. He never fought me. But I have no desire to choreograph for others. It's taken me years and years to perfect the people of my own VIEW JANUARY 3 1976



dolf Nureyev and Janet Eilber in 'Lucifer' who remember the after an absence of 31 years. pressive is the way he appears se t

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it non-literally, showing a woman preparing herself, with the aid of an attendant, for what fate will bring. What causes her terror one cannot know, but she learns to accept it calmly, although when her dress is removed at the end, the shift beneath is dyed with blood. Pearl Lang, one of the company's few veterans, sug-gests the intensity Graham her-self must once have brought to the role.

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to the role. I wish there were space to do justice to the exhilarating way these Graham dancers perform Diversion of Angels, to the moving revival of Graham's Emily Dickinson ballet Letter to the World, to the tragic arrogance of both Ross Parkes and Nureyev as Oedipus in Night Journey. The extent and diversity of the repertory defies detailed description, but I must make room for Lucifer.

This was the first ballet Graham created for Nureyev. At its gala premiere lass June, Margot Fonteyn danced with him, but I cannot imagine she found herself entirely at home

Photograph by Martha Swope

has a score by Hindemith that takes its title from Mallarmé's poem. Graham, as usual, treats still creative. John Percival

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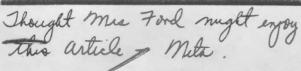
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The Washington post TY IE

NEW YORK — Inside the Uris Theater, a White House aide pleaded with the shy movie star: "You're supposed to be out there (to escort Betty Ford). Woody Allen, a devotee and former pupil o ham, just wanted to celebrate the 50th anniv of her company. Simple stuff. And what hay He gets a call from Graham's representative wh him to escort yet another Graham devotee and f



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Martha Graham: Life's a constant experiment

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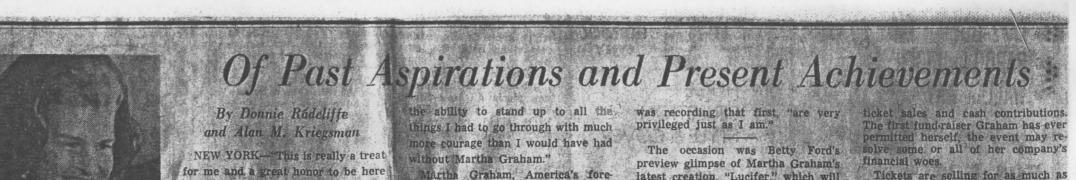
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Martha Groham during a dance rehearsal in New York in 1965.

By Gail Bernice Sullivan

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD HAS BEEN CHOSEN THIS YEAR'S WINNER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

MRS. FORD'S PRESS OFFICE SAID SHE WOULD GO TO NEW YORK NEXT WEDNESDAY TO RECEIVE THE AWARD, WHICH SHE IS GETTING IN HONOR OF "HER LEADERSHIP DURING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR".

ON JUNE 19, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID, THE FIRST LADY WOULD RETURN TO NEW YORK TO ATTEND A FUND-RAISING AFFAIR MARKING THE 50TH YEAR OF THE MARTHA GRAHAM MODERN DANCE COMPANY. MRS. FORD, WHO ONCE DANCED WITH MISS GRAHAM, IS AN HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ORGANIZING THE AFFAIR.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID MRS. FORD AND OTHER GUESTS WOULD SEE THE WORLD PREMIERE OF A NEW BALLET BY MISS GRAHAM, CALLED "LUCIFER" AND PERFORMED BY DAME MARGOT FONTEYN, AND RUDOLF NUREYEV.

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News photo by Mel Finitesin Pirst lady Betty Ford stands with Mrs. William Levitt (center) and Mrs. Theodore Silbert (left) during vesterday: And-Defamation League luncheon at the Hotel Pierre. Mrs. Ford received or gamization: Human Relations Award for "insultational commitment to democratic principles and apecial dedication to securing equal rights for women."

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A Martha Graham Student Comes Back

By ANNA KISSELGOFF Singling out Martha Graham, her former dance teacher, as "my very, very favorite person,' 'Betty Ford yesterday credited Miss Graham with helping to shape her life and giving her the courage "to stand up to all the things I've had to go through." The First Lady, who had flown here to receive an award at a luncheon of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, prolonged her visit especially to hold her first reunion with Miss Gray stars by Miss Graham." ham since studying and danc-

ing with the eminent moderndance ploneer here in the late ninetcen-thirdles.

Mrs. Ford also handed Miss Graham a \$125 check, drawn on a bank in Grand Rapids, Mich., for a ticket to a benefit performance by the pany at the Uris Theater on June 19. Mrs. Ford is scheduled to attend the program, which will feature Dame Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev in "Lucifer," a new

watched the Graham dancers rehearse a section of "Lucifer" at the Martha Graham Center's for Scontemporary Dance, 316 East 63d Street, stood by the side of Miss Graham.

Wearing a beige jersey Martha Graham Dance Com- 11 dress with white trim and a matching beige scarf, Mrs. Ford looked at the SI-yearold Miss Graham, who was dressed in a long red caftan, and said:

"She is my very, very, fawork created for the ballet worite person, one of the

also Continued on Page 32, Column 1 Mrs. Ford, who

tartha Graham escorting Betty Ford, a tormer student, at a rehearsal of one of Miss Graham's works here

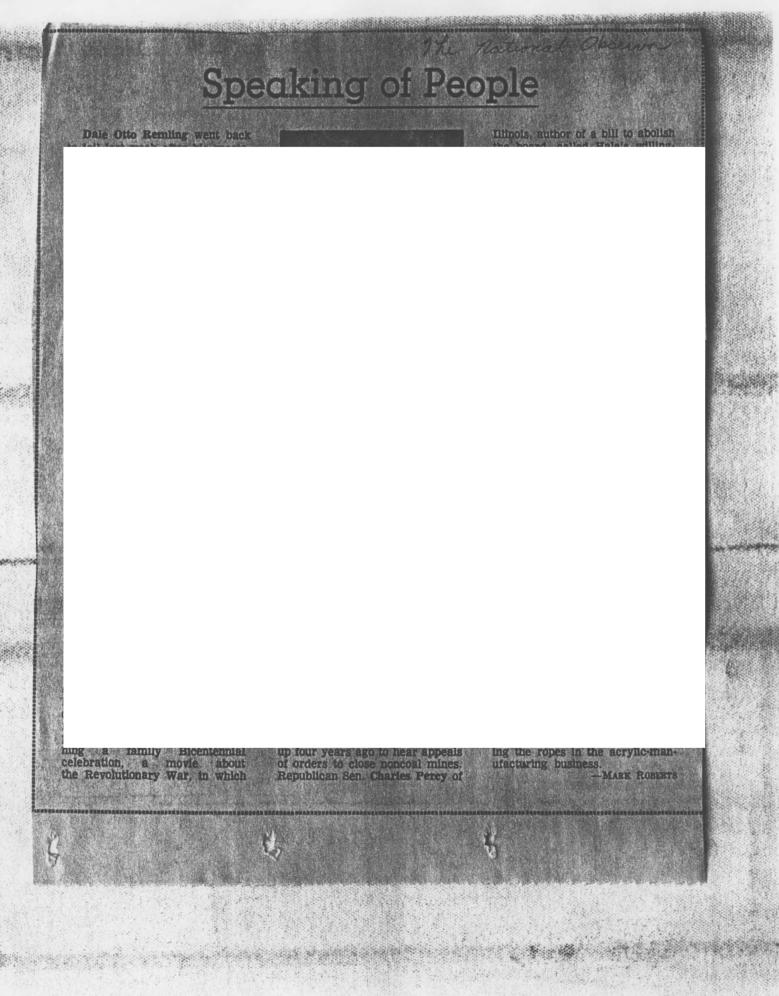
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Although they will play to 1.5 million fans during their three-month tour of the Americas, Mick Jogger and the Bolling Stones are only tourists in some settled for just an estrangement. Since serving 17½ months in jail for masterminding the Great Howard Hughes Hoar of 1972 Irving has been living in

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dance, Martha Graham, 81. "She gave me the ability to stand up to all the things I have had to go through, with much more courses than I would have



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Rolling Stones at the Alamo: A Union Jack for Jagger

The Rolling Stones gathered no mossbacks in Texas despite disporting themselves irreverently at the Lone Star State's most sacred shrine. In San Antonio on their current U.S. tour, British rock idol Mick Jagger and some of his bandsmen honored The London Daily Mirror's request for a frolicsome pose in front of the Alamo. A handful of tourists looked on as Jagger draped himself in a British flag, but no one took offense at the stunt. The nearest thing to an objection came from an Alamo caretaker who squinted at the Union Jack and remarked: "That's a strange-looking Indian blanket."

Young Betty Bloomer arrived in New York in the late 1930s to study modern dance under Martha Graham, but dropped out in 1940 and went home to Grand Rapids, Mich. She married a furniture salesman named William Warren in 1942, divorced him in 1947 and became Mrs. Geraid Ford in 1948. After 35 years,



Madeline Kahn: Spoofing Sherlock

Teacher Graham and ex-student Ford: 'My favorite person'

she and her famous dance teacher met again last week when the First Lady paid a visit to Miss Graham's Manhattan studio and watched her troupe rehearse "Lucifer," a new Graham work in which guest stars Dame Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev are to perform in New York this week, with Mrs. Ford slated to attend. "She is my very, very favorite person," said the former student about her 81-year-old ex-teacher.

"JFK liked to swim nude and so did some of the girls who popped in to visit him," writes Traphes Bryant, 61, in "Dog Days at the White House: the Outrageous Memoirs of the Presidential Kennel Keeper," a forthcoming book about Bryant's 20 years of White House service as a night electrician who doubled as keeper of the Presidential dogs. The most eyebrow-raising of Bryant's gossipy tidbits about Presidents from Truman to Nixon are his tales of John F. Kennedy as a ladies' man: "He did enjoy having beau-tiful women around him at the White House and he did entertain them when Jackie was away. There was a conspiracy of silence to protect his secrets from Jacqueline and to keep her from finding out." According to Bryant, the household staff was under orders from President Kennedy not to go to the family quarters on the second floor on certain nights when the First Lady was away, but Bryant forgot one night and rode to the family floor in an elevator. "Just as the elevator door opened," he writes, "a naked blond office girl ran through the hall between the second-floor kitchen and the door leading to the West Hall. Her

FORDALLEN

NEW YORK (AP)-BETTY FORD WILL BE ESCORTED BY COMEDIAN WOODY ALLEN THURSDAY NIGHT WHN SHE ATTENDS THE MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY'S BENEFIT PERFORMANCE HERE.

BOTH MRS. FORD AND ALLEN HAVE STUDIED DANCE AT THE MARTHA GRAHAM SDHOOL AND BOTH ARE ADMIRERS OF THE 81-YEAR-OLD PIONEER OF MODERN DANCE.

LAST THURSDAY, AT A REUNION WITH HER FORMER DANCE TEACHER, MRS. FORD CALLED MISS CRAHAM "MY VERY, VERY FAVORITE PERSON." SHE ALSO HANDED MISS GRAHAM A \$125 CHECK FOR A TICKET TO THE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

REFERRING TO MISS GRAHAM AS A "GENIUS OF THE THEATER," ALLEN LAST FALL ENROLLED IN A GRAHAM BEGINNERS' CLASS "TO GAIN MORE INSIGHT INTO HER WORK."

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Mrs. Ford Visits Martha Graham

Mrs. Ford went to New York Wednesday to visit Martha Graham, her former dance teacher, CBS reported with film.

"It was a fond reunion for First Lady Betty Ford and modern dance choreographer, Martha Graham," CBS said. Mrs. Ford studied with Ms. Graham in the 1930's and 40's but had not seen her former teacher since then. The First Lady said memories of Miss Graham had been a source of strength."

Mrs. Ford (on CBS film) said: "She was my teacher and she shaped my whole life. She gave me the ability to face up to all the things that I have had to go through with, I believe, much more courage than I ever would have had had it not been for her. Thank you Martha."

Before leaving, Mrs. Ford bought a \$125 ticket for an opening night performance of Ms. Graham's new show, CBS reported. -- CBS Morning News (6/12/75)

Nureyev Performs Graham's 'Letter

BY FREDERICK M. WINSHIP United Press International

DANCE REVIEW

NEW YORK—Martha Graham has created a second ance drama for Rudolf Nureyev, the great Russian ballet Graham has given the marvelously expressive Nureve the guilt-tortured Puritan minister, Dimmesdale, spends most of his time stalking and lurching around stage or climbing sculptor Marisol's double stairways nizing in the best undergraduate style. The union