



Tatiana DOKOUDOVSKA

Tatiana Dokoudovska (1921-2005) was a professional dancer, teacher, and founder of what would become the Kansas City Ballet. Born and raised in France by Russian parents, Tatiana trained in Paris and danced for the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. In 1939, she moved to the United States to join the American Ballet Theatre. After leaving New York for a role at Starlight Theatre, Tatiana was invited to create a dance program at the University of Kansas City's Conservatory of Music. Her work at the Conservatory and with the Kansas City Ballet, which she founded in 1957, attracted a variety of dancers and cultivated an audience for ballet in Kansas City.