

1. Title / Content Area:	Partnership in Dance
2. Historic Site:	Perry-Mansfield School of Theatre and Dance
3. Episode:	https://www.pbs.org/video/colorado-experience-perry-mansfield/
4. Developed by:	Century Middle School Team, Adams 12 Five Star Schools
5. Grade Level and Standards:	6-8 6th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2 7th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1, 2.2 8th: History 1.1, 1.2, Geography 2.1
6. Assessment Question:	How did this historic site contribute to the success and uniqueness of the Perry-Mansfield Modern Dance Program?
7. Contextual Paragraph	<p>The performing arts camp established by Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield was not always in this location. Prior to its location in Routt County, it was located near Eldora, Colorado. After continual interruptions by onlookers, Perry and Mansfield decided to move the camp earning the money to do so by teaching classes in Chicago.</p> <p>The camp offered educational, recreational, performing arts, and modern dance activities and was unique in the nation for combining these activities in one location. The teaching of modern dance at the camp was cutting edge for the time period, and for many, many years all modern dancers had been to the Perry-Mansfield complex at one time or another.</p> <p>The site itself was selected so that the participants could be in a natural setting. History Colorado states, <i>"Perry and Mansfield were not only patrons of the arts, but also protectors of the environment so they tried to build the camp in a way that didn't harm the natural surroundings. Little evidence exists of formal campus planning that might have dictated how the buildings were placed on the site, which gives the feeling that it came together in a rather organic manner."</i></p>



<p>8. Connection to Historic Preservation</p>	<p>The camp is listed in the National Register because of its built and historical significance. The camp offered educational, recreational, performing arts, and modern dance activities and was unique in the nation for combining these activities in one location. The teaching of modern dance at the camp was cutting edge for the time period, and for many, many years all modern dancers had been to the Perry-Mansfield complex at one time or another.</p> <p>The Perry-Mansfield Historic Site is significant under several criteria (A: Relating to a person and B: Relating to an event) in the National Register of Historic Places and the nomination narrative highlights the special importance of the partnership between Perry and Mansfield in creating and running the longest, most successful modern dance company partnership in the United States. They did this while also providing educational and recreational opportunities for participants at the same time. The site is also significant for the built structures which provided a unique place-based setting which supported theater and dance. Historically this is one of the only places in the country which supported the arts in this type of setting.</p> <p>The site was added in the National Register in 1995 but the period of significance and importance ends in 1967 when Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield transferred ownership of the camp. Today the camp is still operational, and Stevens College remains a steward of the location. Since 1994, the Perry-Mansfield historic site has received over \$900,000 in support from the State Historical Fund to preserve and protect the historic site.</p>	
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Document Based Question (DBQ)

Document Set

Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield



<https://historycolorado.tumblr.com/search/perry%20mansfield>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What can you gather about this location based on this photo?
2. What identifying features give you a clue about the time period this photo was taken in?
3. Was it common or uncommon for women to have started a camp such as this in the early part of the 20th Century? Why or why not?

Modern Dance in Nature, Routt County, CO



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GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What is happening in this photo?
2. How does the setting provide a unique venue for this dance?
3. How does the setting of this dance play a role in how it is presented to the viewer?

Performance Hall, Perry-Mansfield Camp, Routt
County, CO



GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. What materials do you think were used to construct this building based on this photo? Why was this material selected?
2. How do these architectural elements make the building beautiful to the eye of the visitor and citizen?
3. How does this building fit in with the natural surroundings?
4. How does this building compare to buildings we frequently see around Colorado, today?

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Dance Practice



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Assessment Question
How did this historic site contribute to the success and uniqueness of the Perry-Mansfield Modern Dance Program?
Response