

Story (1963)

Overview

Story, choreographed by Merce Cunningham, with sets and costumes by Rauschenberg and music by Toshi Ichiyanagi, was first premiered at the University of California in Los Angeles on July 22, 1963. Excerpts from the piece were shot in 1964 as part of the film *Merce Cunningham*, directed by Jackie Raynal with Etienne Becker and Patrice Wyers, and also include footage of Rauschenberg constructing the set before one of the performances. Dancers include Carolyn Brown, Merce Cunningham, William Davis, Viola Farber, Sandra Neels, Steve Paxton, Albert Reid, Barbara Lloyd [Dilley], and Shareen Blair.

An additional version includes an excerpt of wide shot footage filmed by Heikki Seppala in Helsinki, 1964, produced by the Finnish Broadcasting Corporation.

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File Details

Highest quality unique clips:	Duplicate or similar clips:
<p><u>62.V001.00</u> BRIEF DESCRIPTION: B&W. Brief excerpts included as part of <i>Merce Cunningham</i> documentary, interspersed with other dances. YEAR: 1964 EXCERPT TIME CODE START TIMES: 00:17:24; 00:18:46; 00:21:06 SOUND: Yes</p>	
<p><u>97.V016.03</u> BRIEF DESCRIPTION: B&W. Excerpt filmed on a circular revolving stage in Helsinki. YEAR: 1964 LENGTH: 00:01:52 EXCERPT TIME CODE: 00:28:26-00:30:18. SOUND: Yes</p>	97.V016.00 contains duplicate footage
<p><u>210.V008.00</u> SOURCE: <i>Lifetime of Dance</i> documentary, directed by Charles Atlas. BRIEF DESCRIPTION: B&W excerpts similar to 97.V016.03 and 97.V016.00. Also includes more contemporary discussion of the work with quotes from Rauschenberg and clips of the work from the version also featured in 62.V001.00. YEAR: Performance footage from 1964. Documentary produced in 2000. EXCERPT TIME CODE: 00:57:08-00:59:24. SOUND: Yes</p>	