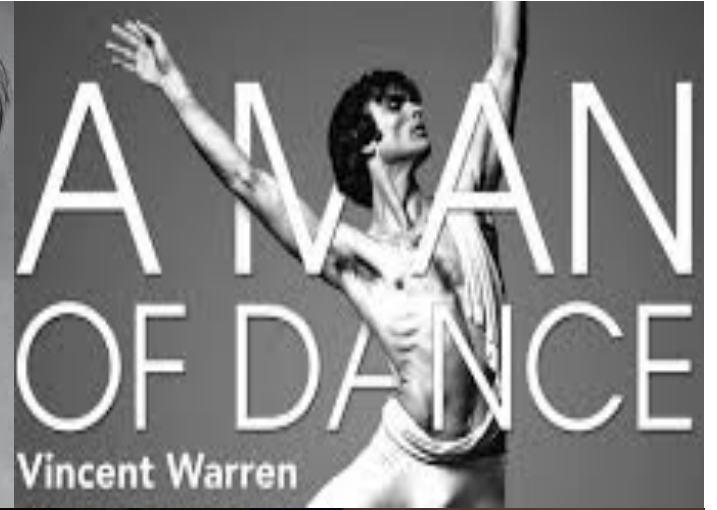


Actors and DANCERS - ACTUAL OR FICTIONAL -  
i know OR thought i KNEW -  
OR WISH I'd KNOWN -  
OR MAYBE NOT -  
whose Name Begins With Vee -  
an ARBITRARY CHOICE -

VINCENT WARREN - VICKY SHICK - VICKI LESTER (judy garland in star is born) -  
VIRGINIA WEIDLER - VERA ZORINA - VIOLA FARBER - VALDA SETTERFIELD -  
DAVID VAUGHAN - VAL BOURNE - VICTORIA PAGE (moira shearer in red shoes) -  
VIVIEN LEIGH - VIVIAN VANCE - RUDOLPH VALENTINO - VASLAV NIJINSKY -  
VIRGINIA MAYO - VERA ELLEN - VANESSA REDGRAVE (isadora duncan in isadora)  
- VERNON CASTLE (fred astaire in story of vernon & irene castle ) -  
VIOLETTE VERDY - BEN VEREEN - GWEN VERDON - VIRGINIA JOHNSON -  
BOBBY VAN - MARTINE VAN HAMEL - EDWARD VILLELLA - VIENGSAI VALDES -



VINCENT  
WARREN



VINCENT DE PAUL WARREN - dances in ny w/jimmy waring -  
in the late 50's (& so do i) which is when & how we meet -  
& after a career as a ballet dancer & teacher he becomes a historian & archivist -  
& a leading figure in the dance world of canada - that's what it sez in wikipedia.



VICKY SHICK

vicky useta dance w/trisha brown - when i 1st know her -  
well - i don't ever really know vicky - i think she's shy & i'm antisocial -  
i don't think we ever speak to each other - but i see dances she makes -  
& i say or nod hello - if we pass on lower b'way - or @ danspace -  
where we usually bump into each other - well - not really "bump".



# A Star is Born



JUDY GARLAND

AS

# Vicki Lester

I KINDA MEET **JUDY GARLAND** - MEET AS IN SAY HELLO & THANKS -

1 TIME - AFTER OPENING NIGHT @ THE B'WAY PALACE - JULY 31, 1967.  
(4 wk run - year & dates on wikipedia)

i buy 2 tkts for valda & me for opening night & 1 tkt for each a 3 other wks.

the kinda "post modern" dance we do only ever has 2 or 3 performances - sometimes only 1.  
how d'ya do a montha shows? same show every night? who's her audience?



yes - i do see shows in the theater but i don't go twice -  
almost never 2 times - i see movies more times - anyway -  
we rent a summer house in saltaire on fire island -  
for valda & 5 yr old ain & me -  
& VALDA & ME GO TO OPENING NIGHT @ THE PALACE -

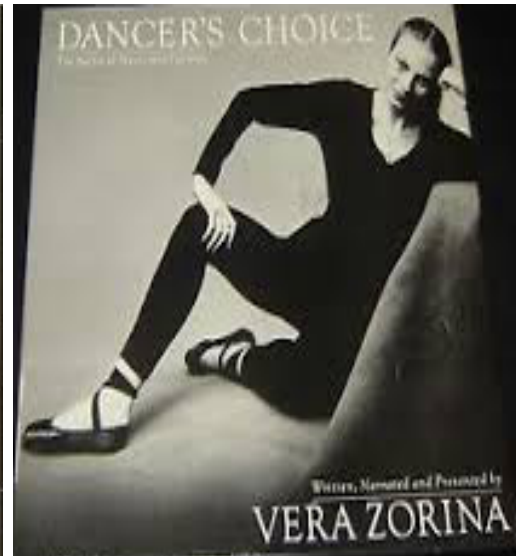


& SOMEHOW TO a POST SHOW PARTY SOMEWHERE - how did we get invited? no idea -  
when we leave i stop @ her table - hi uh - thanks uh - for doing what you do - uh thanks - g'night -  
resta august i LIRR into the city a coupla days every wk to earn a living - i design store windows -  
10 or 12 windows every wk - & - 1 night a wk i visit my brave old pal judy - she ain't in great voice -  
2nd wk she sings a fine over the rainbow - stops & sez i figured out howta sing this song again -  
& she did - really sounds good - she finishes & the audience is ecstatic - roars approval.  
3rd wk she don't sing over the rainbow so well but stops & sez i figured out howta sing this song -  
finishes & audience roars - 4th wk she don't sing over the rainbow @ all well but stops - & sez -

# VIRGINIA WEIDLER STEALS STAR ROLE IN PALACE PICTURE



**VIRGINIA WEIDLER - KID ACTOR/DANCER IN TOE SHOES - SINGS -**  
**LYDIA OH LYDIA - HAVE YOU MET LYDIA? OH LYDIA THE TATTOOED LADY!**  
 movie kid gets to be movie woman - i never meet either of them.



## VERA ZORINA -

never meet her or see her dance -  
 except later - in a coupla old movies -  
 she tries to be a movie star - it don't work -



vera zorina is married to george balanchine - & he's married to her - for a while -





VIOLA

FARBER



Choreographer

DANCER

TEACHER



Viola WAS

NOT ONLY.. BUT ALSO-



a MUSICIAN

she dances w/merce cunningham when we meet - then she has her own company - then she teaches in france - then she teaches in london - @ the place (?) -



& finally @ sarah lawrence - we meet everywhere for lotsa dancing years - i always love meeting her - i hear she dies naked dancing in her garden - am i making that up?





VALDA

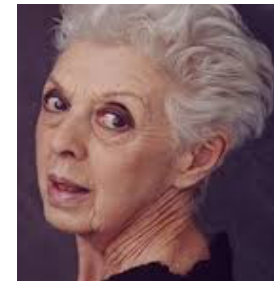
SETTERFIELD



FROM ENGLAND -  
TO THE US IN THE LATE 50'S -  
WE MEET RIGHT AWAY -  
I DANCE W/JIMMY WARING -  
(remember? i meet vincent warren?)



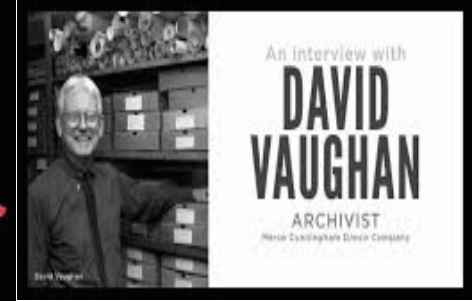
VALDA DOES TOO -  
WE MARRY IN '61 -  
- MAKE 1 SON TOGETHER  
- DO LOTSA DUETS -  
FOR LOTSA YEARS -



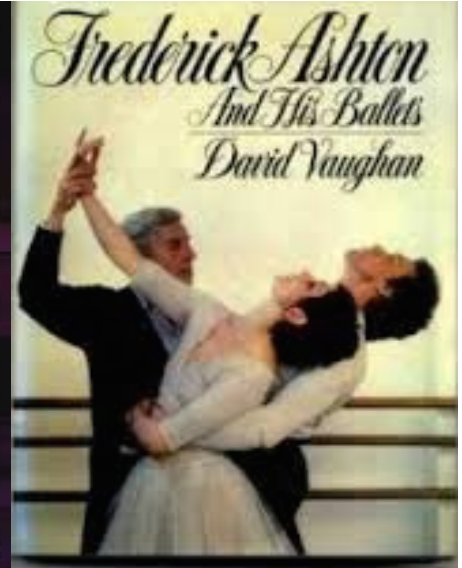
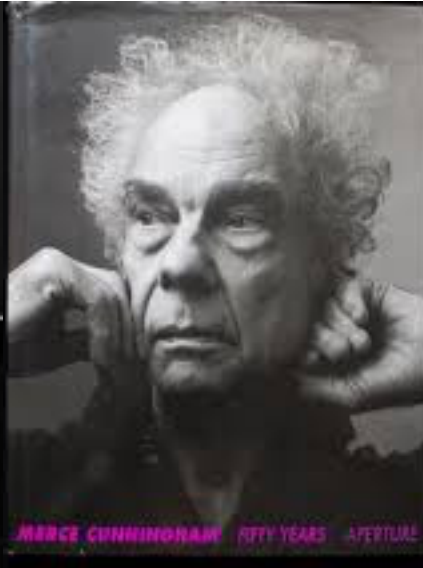
HER FATHER IS THOMAS VALENTINE SETTERFIELD -  
HER MOTHER'S MOTHER SEZ - NAME HER VALDA.  
VALDA DANCES W/MERCE CUNNINGHAM FOR 10 YRS -  
& W/YVONNE RAINER (in that gown w/a rubber ball)  
& W/LOTSA OTHER FOLKS - & W/ME - STILL MARRIED.  
LATELY VALDA DANCES W/JOHN SCOTT - IN IRELAND.



Dancer **act** or Archivist



WRITES BOOKS ABOUT MERCE CUNNINGHAM - & FREDERIC ASHTON -



IN THE 50'S HE PERSUADES VALDA SETTERFIELD TO COME TO NY  
& INTRODUCES HER TO JIMMY WARING - & TO ME - REMEMBER?)

DAVID VAUGHAN **DIES** FRIDAY OCTOBER

27, 2017



VAL BOURNE



useta be a dancer -

val invents **british dance umbrella**  
& maybe produces my dance work -  
in london - & invites us to stay -  
@ her earl's court flat -  
& maybe we buy theater tkts -  
& liberty fabrics -  
& 3 piece jaeger suits - for david -  
& fortnum & mason scotch eggs -  
& oysters from harrods food -  
& portobello rd antiques for home.

**THERE WILL BE NO PERFORMANCE OF THE RED SHOES TONIGHT -**



Victoria Page

(danced/acted by moira shearer)



no - i never meet her - but i see the whole red shoes - or partsa red shoes -  
so many times - it's not hard to imagine - or it's hard not to imagine i know her.





# Vivien LEIGH

AS BALLET DANCER MYRA IN



vivien leigh the ballet dancer -

gets fired by ballet mistress maria ouspenskaya -  
after she meets & falls for soldier robert taylor -  
so what can she do - when he goes off to war -  
but be a street walker - on waterloo bridge?

**I NEVER MET BALLET ACTOR/DANCER VIVIAN -  
BUT I SAW HER DANCE A KINDA CHARLESTON -**

**ON B'WAY IN 1963 - IN MUSICAL TOVARICH - SHE DANCED GREAT!**

actor **Vivian** **VANCE** DANCES **IF** SHE **HASTA**



**I MEET VIVIAN VANCE/ETHEL MERTZ ON BLK & WHITE TV ONCE A WEEK - ALL MY YOUNG LIFE**



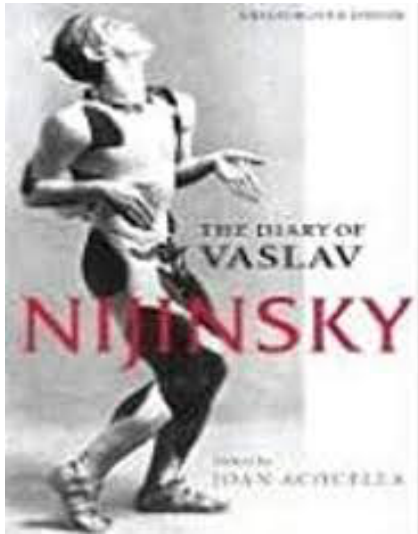


# RUDOLPH VALENTINO



I LEARN HOWTA TANGO AS A TEENAGER -  
 TAUGHT W/SHOULDER DRAMA BY MY MOTHER'S SISTER  
 - AUNT YETTA - WHO - US KIDS CALL AUNTY TETTY -  
 TETTY BECAUSE I AM THE 1ST KID - & -  
 THE STORY GOES - I CAN'T SAY "YETTA".  
 ME & MY RUMBA (TAUGHT ME BY MY MOTHER)  
 & YETTIE'S TANGO - ARE POPULAR @ SCHOOL DANCES -  
 GIRLS ASK ME TO DANCE -  
 I NEVER MEET RUDY VALENTINO - BUT -  
 I SEE SOME VALENTINO MOVIES LATER -  
 HE'S A BETTER TANGOER THAN ME.





V A S L A V

NO - I NEVER MEET VASLAV -  
BUT I DO A SOLO ONCE @ DTW - WATCHED & COMMENTED ON -  
BY MY COMPANY OF DANCERS - SCRIPTED BY ME TO SAY -  
"WHAT HE'S DOING IS SO NIJINSKYESQUE - AIN'T IT?"

Vaslav

Vaslav

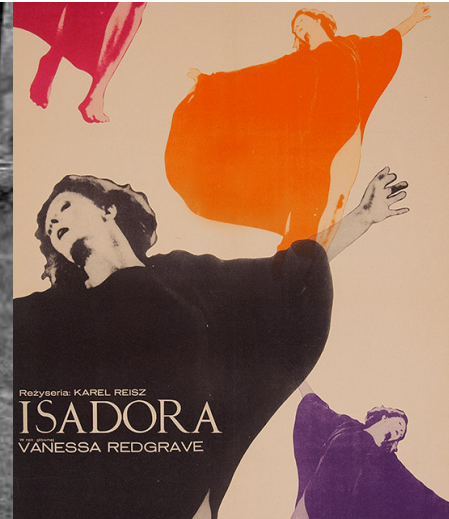
Vaslav Nijinsky

VANESSA

REDGRAVE

AS

ISADORA  
DUNCAN



IS ANYONE NOT IN LOVE W/VANESSA - AS ISADORA - IN 1968?

GIANT VANESSA ROMPS FEROCIOUSLY THROUGH GRASSY FIELDS & ACROSS WOODEN STAGES?  
WATCH HER CLIMB INTO THE CAR - W/THE MURDEROUS SCARF TIED PRETTILY AROUND HER NECK?  
NEVER MEET HER - I PAY TO SEE HER LIVE ON LONDON STAGES - CHEKOV/IBSEN/MISS JEAN BRODIE -



# VIRGINIA MAYO DANCING ACTOR



I NEVER LONG TO MEET VIRGINIA MAYO & I DON'T USUSALLY SEE A MAYO MOVIE ON PURPOSE - NOT FOR HER DANCING. I MIGHT WANNA SEE A DANNY KAYE MOVIE - OR A JIMMY CAGNEY MOVIE - OR WILLIAM WYLER'S BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES - & IF VIRGINIA'S IN IT - THAT'S OK.

# VERA ELLEN CAN DANCE with EVERYBODY

NEVER MET HER & NEVER VALUED HER DANCING ENUF -





FRED ASTAIRE AS

VERNON CASTLE

NO - NEVER MET VERNON (OR FRED) - OR IRENE (OR GINGER)



VERNON  
CASTLE

AS

VERNON CASTLE







**Verdy**  
**Violetta**



**I HAVE AN IDEA I WAS ONCE INTRODUCED TO VIOLETTE VERDY -  
BUT IT MAY BE ONLY AN IDEA - A HALLUCINATION?**

**BEN VEREEN**

**Singer, Dancer, Actor**

never meet him - never see him dance except on tv - he never sees me dance -





Gwen

VERDON

Acting SINGING DANCING

Gwyneth Evelyn Verdon

OKAY - 1ST GWEN VERDON FOR ME IS - WHATEVER LOLA WANTS -

IN 1958 FILM OF DAMN YANKEES - AND I AM HERS.

i meet ms. verdon once - my company performs - dunno why -

on "stars of something" - an evening in the hamptons & chita rivera is on the program?

& gwen verdon's in the audience? & she comes backstage after?



VERDON



GWEN  
VERDON

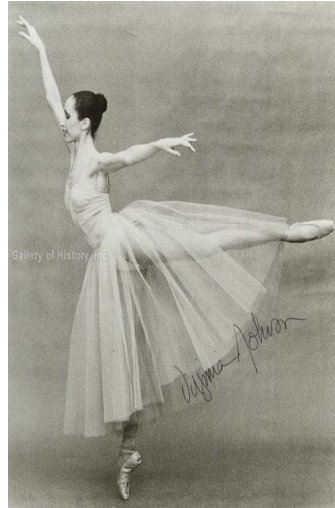




# Virginia Johnson



**I MEET VIRGINIA JOHNSON IN 1985 WHEN SHE'S PRIMA BALLERINA  
@ DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM & I MEET HER AGAIN NOW -  
WHEN SHE'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR -**

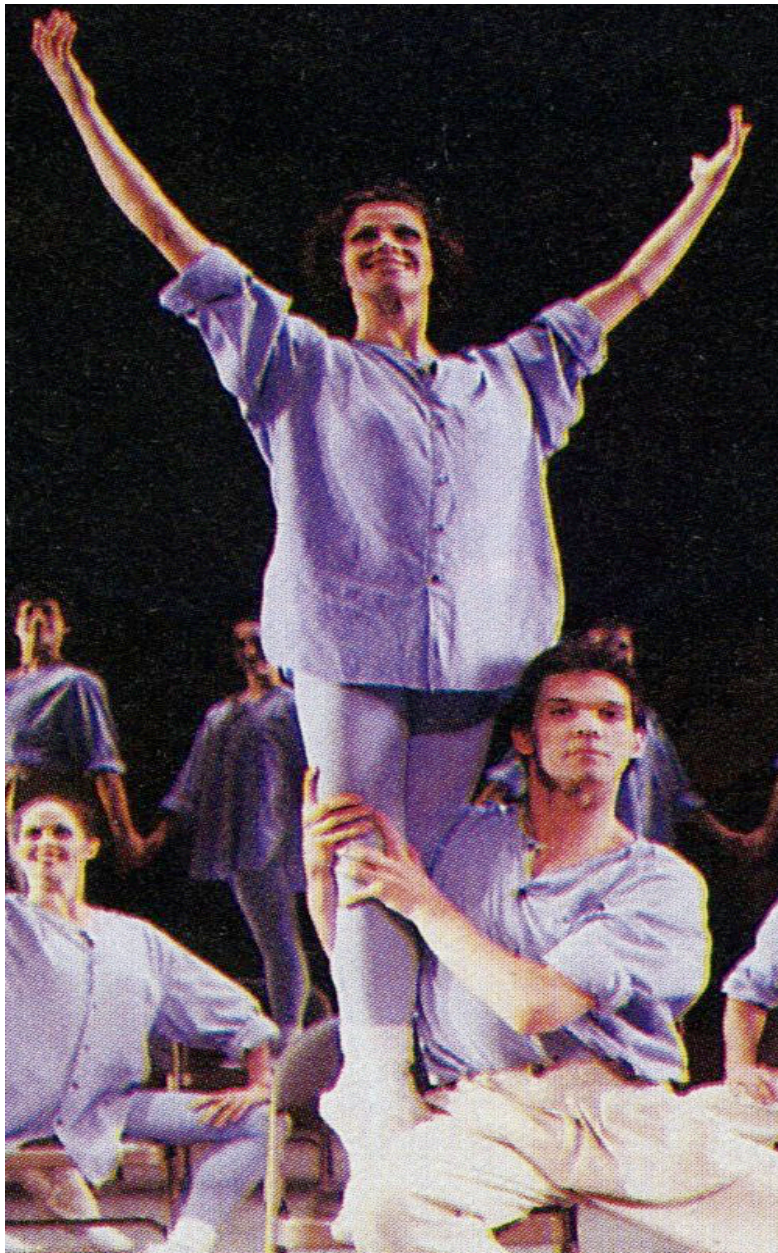


# BOBBY VAN

**NO - I NEVER MEET HIM BUT I SEE HIM - BOBBY VAN IN FILMS - KISS ME KATE (1953) - ETC.  
& ON STAGE - NO NO NANETTE ON B'WAY (1971)**







Martine

VAN

HAMEL

Martine VAN HAMEL

Martine

VAN

HAMEL

I AM COMMISSIONED BY AMERICAN BALLET THEATER -  
TO MAKE MY 1ST BALLET - 1984 -  
I WILL HAVE 2 PRINCIPLES - THEY SAY - 6 SOLOISTS -  
& 12 CORPS DE BALLET - & - THEY SAY -

MARTINE

van

HAMEL

WANTS A BE IN IT - & THEY SAY -

MARTINE

van Hamel

WHO I HAVE NOT NEVER MET -  
WILL BE PARTNERED BY CLARK TIPPET - WHO I HAVE NOT MET -  
& NOBODY SEZ CLARK SEZ HE WANTS A BE IN IT -  
BUT HE TURNS OUT TO BE GREAT - GENEROUS & HELPFUL - & -

I AM - YES - INTIMIDATED BY TECHNICALLY BRILLIANT PROFESSIONAL

MARTINE

van HAMEL

SO

1 DAY I BEGIN A NEW SECTION FOR 6 SOLISTS - & -

Martine

VAN HAMEL

ENTERS & SEZ -

"THAT'S MY MUSIC" & SHE'S RIGHT - OF COURSE - SHE ON TO WHAT I'M DOING - & I DON'T DO IT AGAIN.





I SEE VILLELLA ON STAGE FOR YRS - HE'S A WONDERFUL DANCER -  
 IN THE 1980'S HE'S ON THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS PANEL -  
 & I'M ON IT SO WE MEET - WE MEET TOO @ SOME SAME PERFORMANCES -  
 (photos are eddie & balanchine & jerry robbins) EDDIE NEVER SEES WHAT I DO -



**WHICH IS PROBABLY FOR THE BEST -**



NEVER MEET MS VALDES - NEVER SEE HER DANCE -  
 NEVER HEAR OF HER - FIND HER ON LINE - 2 VEEES -  
 CUBAN BALLERINA -

