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Rosalind Solomon photograph

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	Rosalind Solomon photograph
Date:	1982
Identifier:	FSA.A2001.02
Creator:	Solomon, Rosalind, 1930-
Extent:	1 Print (silver gelatin; image 38 x 38 cm., mounted 63 x 53 cm.)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of the Charles Blitzer Estate, 2001.

Preferred Citation

Rosalind Solomon photograph. FSA.A2001.02. National Museum of Asian Art Archives. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository.

Biographical / Historical

Kangra is a city and a municipal council in Kangra district in the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. Dussehra, or Vijayadashami, is a festival celebrated in India and Nepal each autumn which commemorates the defeat of the demon king, Ravana, by the prince Rama (as recounted in the ancient Hindu epic the Ramayana). The Rama Lila refers to the activities performed by Rama during his time on earth; the re-enactment of the Rama Lila takes place over the ten days of Dussehra, culminating on the tenth day with the slaying of Ravana by Rama.

Biographical / Historical

American photographer Rosalind Solomon (b. 1930) took up photography in 1968 after a trip to Japan. Since then she has worked in Nepal, India and South America, capturing images of native lifestyles and religious rituals. Solomon is also known for her portraits.

Scope and Contents

One silver gelatin print taken by photographer Rosalind Solomon. Signed on the verso of the mat and captioned "The Rama Lila Players Backstage, Festival of Dussehra, Kangra 1982". A group of women, some in festival costume and facial paint, appear in a stage set.

Arrangement

One oversized folder.

Local Numbers

FSA A2001.02

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Dasara

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Photographs -- Silver gelatin prints

Places:

India -- Himachal Pradesh -- Kangra

Kangra (India : District)