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Guide to the Phillip Zarrilli films of South Indian martial and performing arts, 1977-1983

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Phillip Zarrilli films of South Indian martial and performing arts
Date:	1977-1983
Identifier:	HSFA.1985.13
Creator:	Zarrilli, Phillip B., 1947-2020
Extent:	6 Film reels (1 hour 50 minutes; color sound silent; 2200 feet; S8mm)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Phillip Zarilli in 1985.

Provenance

Previously titled "South Indian Martial and Performing Arts 1977, 1980 and 1983."

Processing Information

Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Full film record documents a number of martial arts forms found in south India. Included are the *velakali*, martial dance of Kerala; the *oacchirakali*, mock-combat ritual enactment of Kerala; the *kalaripayattu*, Kerala martial art; and alternate styles of south Indian martial arts including the "southern style" *kalaripayattu* and *silambam*.

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HSFA 1985.13.1

Names and Subject Terms

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Types of Materials:

- Sound films
- silent films

Places:

- India
- South Asia