



Isadora Duncan

May 26, 1877 - September 14, 1927

Nice, undefined

Isadora Duncan, the San Francisco-born dancer who tore classical ballet's corset loose and called the result modern, died in Nice, France, on September 14, 1927, when a long scarf caught in the wheel of an open automobile. She was fifty. The accident was grotesque and swift; the career behind it had been neither.

Born Angela Isadora Duncan on May 26, 1877, she left California for stages that would accept bare feet, Greek tunic, and a theory of movement drawn from wind and wave more than from turnout. Europe made her famous; America argued over her. Schools in Berlin, Paris, Moscow, and elsewhere trained disciples who carried her gospel of natural gesture into the century's concert halls. Personal life - marriages, children lost to tragedy, politics that scandalized patrons - kept the newspapers as busy as the performances.

She died as she had often lived in public: theatrical, unprotected, and impossible to summarize as merely eccentric. Friends and enemies agreed the scarf had been an affectation; Gertrude Stein's reported remark about affectations being dangerous became part of the folklore. What remained was a body of teaching that later modern dancers could reject or refine but not ignore.

She died in Nice on September 14, 1927. American modern dance kept the argument she started on California sand.

Duncan's lesser-told craft note is musical: she listened for phrasing in Chopin and Gluck the way a poet listens for breath. Notice Nearby marks an American original's foreign death date, so September 14 holds the scarf and the studio alike.

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Died in Nice, France, September 14, 1927, in an automobile accident. American dancer and choreographer; cremated, ashes at P?re Lachaise Cemetery, Paris.

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