

Hull History Centre: Items collected by Kay Stevens relating to her participation in amateur operatic and dramatic societies

C DISK Items collected by Kay Stevens relating to c.1940-c.2015
her participation in amateur operatic and
dramatic societies

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Historical Background/Biographical Background: Kay Stevens played an active role in the work of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and the Northern Theatre Company throughout her life and she was a secretary of Northern Theatre Company in c.1987-c.1989.

The Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society was established in 1922 to bring theatre performances to Hull and the East Riding. They performed at Hessle Town Hall, as well as Hull New Theatre and Hull Truck Theatre. Committed to appealing to modern day audiences and performers the company underwent a name change in 2005, and is now trading as the Hessle Theatre Company.

The Northern Theatre Company was formed by Richard Green and Byran Williams in 1975 with the single purpose of putting on a production of the musical 'Amy'. The company had also established the Northern Theatre Company School of Performing Arts to develop young talent. Over the years the Northern Theatre Company has presented over thousands of performances from one-man plays to large musicals in theatres including their own Studio 2 in Hull to the Royal National Theatre or the Edinburgh Fringe.

Custodial history: Deposited via TM Solicitors on the instructions of Katherine Forsyth, executor of the estate of Kay Stevens in January 2017

Description: Administrative documents, photographs, and ephemera relating to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and the Northern Theatre Company.

Arrangement C DISK/1-3 comprises programmes, leaflets, posters and recordings relating to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and Hessle Theatre Company.

C DISK/4-7 comprises items relating to the Northern Theatre Company including administrative documents from Kay Stevens, programmes, leaflets, press cutting books and ephemera.

C DISK/8 comprises stage and publicity photographs relating to productions of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and the Northern Theatre Company.

C DISK/9 comprises miscellaneous items relating to Kay Stevens' interest and participation in other amateur dramatic societies and productions.

Extent: 3 boxes

Related material: Related programme copies of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and the Northern Theatre Company which presented at Hull New Theatre can be found at L DTNT. Performance programmes relating to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society in 1932-1991 can be found at L DSHD.

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personal information of children are closed for 100 years. This is in accordance with Section 1 (Principles 1, 2 and 7) of the Data Protection Act, 1998

C DISK/1	Programmes and leaflets of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and Hessle Theatre Company	c.1946-c.2015
C DISK/1/1	Items relating to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society Items relating to the productions presented by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society including programmes, leaflets and drawings. 27 items	1946-2004
C DISK/1/1/1	Programme: The Pirates of Penzance Programme relating to the operetta 'The Pirates of Penzance' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item	5 Mar 1946
C DISK/1/1/2	Programme: Ruddigore Programme relating to the opera 'Ruddigore' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item	4 Mar 1947
C DISK/1/1/3	Programme: The Rebel Maid Programme relating to the opera 'The Rebel Maid' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item	9 March 1948
C DISK/1/1/4	Programme: A Country Girl Programme relating to an original musical play called 'A Country Girl' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item	8 Mar 1949
C DISK/1/1/5	Programme: The Quaker Girl Programme relating to musical 'The Quaker Girl' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item	7 Mar 1950

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C DISK/1/1/6	<p>Programme: The Arcadians Programme relating to musical 'The Arcadians' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item</p>	6 Mar 1951
C DISK/1/1/7	<p>Programme: Magyar Melody Programme relating to the musical 'Magyar Melody' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Plaza Cinema in Hessle. 1 item</p>	4 Mar 1952
C DISK/1/1/8	<p>Programme: Waltz Without End Programme relating to the musical 'Waltz Without End' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at The Palace Theatre in Hull. 1 item</p>	15 Feb 1954
C DISK/1/1/9	<p>Programme: Balalaika Programme relating to the musical 'Balalaika' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at The Palace Theatre in Hull. 1 item</p>	14 Feb 1955
C DISK/1/1/10	<p>Programme: Night in Venice Programme relating to a new version of the Johann Strauss' Operetta 'Night in Venice' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at The Palace Theatre in Hull. 1 item</p>	11 Feb 1957
C DISK/1/1/11	<p>Programme: Funny Girl Programme for the play 'Funny Girl' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre, accompanied by an advertisement booklet printed by the Kingston Upon Hull New Theatre Company. 2 items</p>	4 Oct 1971
C DISK/1/1/12	<p>Programme: The Dancing Years Programme for the musical 'The Dancing Years' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre.</p>	2 Mar 1981-7 Mar 1981

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C DISK/1/1/13	<p>Programme: Jesus Christ Superstar Programme relating the play 'Jesus Christ Superstar' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item</p>	5 Mar 1985-9 Mar 1985
C DISK/1/1/14	<p>Programme: Brigadoon Programme relating to the musical 'Brigadoon' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item</p>	3 Mar 1986-8 Mar 1986
C DISK/1/1/15	<p>Programme: The Boy Friend Programme relating to the musical 'The Boy Friend' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item</p>	Mar 1987
C DISK/1/1/16	<p>Programme: South Pacific Programme for the musical 'South Pacific' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item</p>	21 Mar 1988-26 Mar 1988
C DISK/1/1/17	<p>Programme: Annie Programme of the musical 'Annie' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item</p>	20 Feb 1989-25 Feb 1989
C DISK/1/1/18	<p>Leaflet: Blue Remembered Hills and Ritual For Dolls Leaflet relating to the plays 'Blue Remembered Hills' and 'Ritual For Dolls' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull Truck Theatre. 1 item</p>	28 Nov 1990-1 Dec 1990
C DISK/1/1/19	<p>Programme: Carousel Programme for the musical 'Carousel' performed</p>	2000

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by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre.

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C DISK/1/1/20	Programme: My Fair Lady Programme for the musical 'My Fair Lady' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item	6 Mar 2001-10 Mar 2001
C DISK/1/1/21	Programme: Annie Get Your Gun Programme for the musical 'Annie Get Your Gun' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item	Mar 2002
C DISK/1/1/22	Programme: Kiss Me Kate Programme for the musical 'Kiss Me Kate' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item	Mar 2003
C DISK/1/1/23	Leaflet: The Crucible Leaflet relating to the play 'The Crucible' performed by The Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society at the Hull Truck Theatre. 1 item	Nov 2001
C DISK/1/1/24	Leaflet: A Christmas Cracker Leaflet relating to a Winter Concert named 'A Christmas Cracker' performed by the Hessle Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Hessle Town Hall. 1 item	9 Dec 2004-10 Dec 2004
C DISK/1/1/25	Programme: Family Showtime A card related to the show called 'Family Showtime' that was presented by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Hessle Town Hall, including the programme of 'Mary Poppins' and 'Around The World in Song'. dated 13 Jul (no year) 1 item	c. Jul 1979

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C DISK/1/1/26	Drawing: Committee of Ruddigore A drawing titled 'Ruddigore' which depicts the committee members of the Hessle Operatic Society. 1 item	Mar 1947
C DISK/1/2	Programme and leaflet of the Hessle Theatre Company Programme and leaflet relating to productions presented by the Hessle Theatre Company. 2 items	2010-2015
C DISK/1/2/1	Leaflet: Calamity Jane A leaflet relating to the play 'Calamity Jane' that performed by Hessle Theatre Company at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item	23 Mar 2010-27 Mar 2010
C DISK/1/2/2	Programme: Sister Act Programme relating to the musical comedy 'Sister Act' that performed by the Hessle Theatre Company at the Hull New Theatre. 1 item	17 Mar 2015-21 Mar 2015
C DISK/2	Posters of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society Posters relating to productions of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society. 14 items	c.1971-c.2001
C DISK/2/1	Carousel Poster for the musical 'Carosel' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	1 Mar 1971
C DISK/2/2	Garden Party Poster for the play 'Garden Party' performed at the British Legion Hall. 1 item	10 Jul 1971
C DISK/2/3	Funny Girl Poster for the musical 'Funny Girl' that performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic	4 Oct 1971

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Society at Hull New Theatre.

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C DISK/2/4	Fiddler on the Roof Poster for the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	5 Mar 1973
C DISK/2/5	A Season of Amateur Drama & Films Poster relating to a season of drama, films and exhibitions held at Hull Arts Centre, including the play 'Anastasia' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society. 1 item	25 Apr 1973-26 May 1973
C DISK/2/6	Kismet Poster relating for the musical 'Kismet' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	4 Mar 1974
C DISK/2/7	South Pacific Poster relating to the musical 'South Pacific' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	21 Feb 1977
C DISK/2/8	Gigi Poster relating to the musical 'Gigi' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	26 Feb 1979-3 Mar 1979
C DISK/2/9	The Dancing Years A poster relating to the musical 'The Dancing Years' presented by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	2 Mar 1981-7 Mar 1981
C DISK/2/10	The Heiress A poster relating to a play 'The Heiress' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hessle Town Hall.	n.d.

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C DISK/2/11	Smike A poster relating to the musical 'Smike' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hessle Town Hall. 1 item	n.d.
C DISK/2/12	Jane Eyre A poster relating to the play 'Jane Eyre' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hessle Town Hall. 1 item	n.d.
C DISK/2/13	Show Stoppers A poster relating to 'An Evening Songs and Drama From Popular Musicals' titled 'Show Stoppers' presented by the Hessle Operatic & Drama Society at Hessle Town Hall. 1 item	2 Jun 2000-3 Jun 2000
C DISK/2/14	My Fair Lady A poster relating to the musical 'My Fair Lady' performed by the Hessle Operatic & Dramatic Society at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	6 Mar 2001-10 Mar 2001
C DISK/3	Recordings relating to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society Cassette tapes collected by Kay Stevens which relate to the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society or Northern Theatre Company. 2 items	n.d.
C DISK/3/1	Recording titled 'Effects Tape No.2, Songs of Humberside' 1 item	n.d.
C DISK/3/2	Recording: Unidentified productions Magnetic tape recording with a typed list of song names and performers. 1 item	n.d.

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C DISK/4	Administrative documents relating to the Northern Theatre Company Documents relating to the administration of the Northern Theatre Company including a secretarial file belonging to Kay Stevens, a proposal and a report. 3 items	c.1985-c.1989
C DISK/4/1	Secretarial file A file of administrative documents collected by Kay Stevens in her capacity as secretary of the Northern Theatre Company in c.1987-c.1989, including the draft of a newsletter, sample tickets for the programme, the rehearsal schedule of the Northern Theatre Company School of Performing Arts, and the poster of 'The King and I' presented at the Hull New Theatre from 26 Oct 1987 to 31 Oct 1987. 1 file	c.1987-c.1989
C DISK/4/2	Proposal for the City of Hull by Northern Theatre A proposal to Council consideration for formation of an Arts Complex within the city. 1 item	May 1985
C DISK/4/3	A venture to be encouraged: A Report on Hull-based Northern Theatre Company prepared for potential sponsors The document prepared by Northern Theatre Company as a combination of calling card and aide memomire for potential sponsors, which outlined its history, status, achievements and general attitude for the reference of all sponsors both private and public authority. 1 item	Mar 1989
C DISK/5	Programmes and leaflets of the Northern Theatre Company Programmes and leaflets relating to the productions of the Northern Theatre Company. 7 items	c.1978-c.1983
C DISK/5/1	Programme: The Sound of Music Two booklets related to 'The Sound of Music', a musical presented by Northern Theatre Company	1980-1983

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at Hull New Theatre.
3 items

C DISK/5/2	Leaflet: The Gay Old Days A leaflet relating for the musical 'The Gay Old Days' performed by the Northern Theatre Company. 1 item	1978
C DISK/5/3	Programme: The King and I Programme for the musical 'The King and I' performed by the Northern Theatre Company at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	1981
C DISK/5/4	Programme: South Pacific Programme for the musical 'South Pacific' performed by the Northern Theatre Company at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	1982
C DISK/5/5	Programme: Wilberforce Programme for the musical 'Wilberforce' performed by the Northern Theatre Company at Hull New Theatre. 1 item	18 Jul 1983
C DISK/6	Press cutting books relating to Northern Theatre Company Press cutting books containing programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and thank you cards relating to productions of the Northern Theatre Company. 4 items	c.1978-c.1987
C DISK/6/1	Press cutting book 1 of the Northern Theatre Company contains programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and thank you cards relating to productions of the Northern Theatre Company. 1 item	Jul 1978-Dec 1980
C DISK/6/2	Press cutting book 2 of the Northern Theatre Company	Mar 1981-Jul 1983

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contains programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and thank you cards relating to productions of the Northern Theatre Company.
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C DISK/6/3	Press cutting book 3 of the Northern Theatre Company contains programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and thank you cards relating to productions of the Northern Theatre Company. 1 item	Jul 1983-Oct 1985
C DISK/6/4	Press cutting book 4 of the Northern Theatre Company contains programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and thank you cards relating to productions of the Northern Theatre Company. 1 item	Oct 1985-Jan 1987
C DISK/7	Ephemera of the Northern Theatre Company Contains ephemera relating to the Northern Theatre Company which includes a 25 year celebration booklet and some samples of tickets. 13 items	n.d.
C DISK/7/1	Northern Theatre Company 1975: a 25 year celebration on the stage A book consisting of a list of productions that staged by Northern Theatre Company between 1975 to 2000. 1 item	n.d.
C DISK/7/2	Tickets of the plays relating to Northern Theatre Company Tickets for Billy Liar, Great Expectations and Equus. 12 items	n.d.
C DISK/8	Photographs relating to Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society and Northern Theatre Company Please note that some of the productions could not be identified.	c.1972-c.1988

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C DISK/8/1	Song of Norway Photograph of production 12 items	n.d.
C DISK/8/2	Photographs: Album pages 37 unidentified stage photographss stuck to paper cards which may be related to the programme of the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society or the Northern Theatre Company. 10 items	n.d.
C DISK/8/3	The Dresser A poster, a leaflet and nine photographss for the play 'The Dresser' performed by the Northern Theatre Company at Spring Street Theatre. 11 items	19 Jan 1984-24 Jan 1984
C DISK/8/4	Stage Photographss: Unidentified Stage photographss of an unidentified production possibly by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society, including David Blackburn (Musical Director), Nigel Beckett (Accompanist), Eileen Hunt (President), Jean Wanty (Chairman), Stephanie Barnett (Director), Barbara Anson (Mrs Higgins), Kathryn Saul (Mr Eynsord-Hill), Darran Higgins (Freddy), Trevor Blacksell (Pickering), Janet Baswell (Mrs Pearce), John Ainsley (Doolittle), Richard Skelton (Zoltan Karpathy), Jonathan Euison (Henry Higgins), and the Chorus. 13 items	n.d.
C DISK/8/5	Our Gentlemens Chorus Photograph of production 1 item	n.d.
C DISK/8/6	Kismet Photographs of the production of 'Kismet' at the New Theatre by Hessle Operatic & Dramatic Society. 2 items	n.d.

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C DISK/8/7	Cinderella A stage photograph of 'Cinderella' performed by the Hessle Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society. 1 item	7 Dec 1972
C DISK/8/8	Aladdin Photograph of production 2 items	1973
C DISK/8/9	The Wizard of Oz Photograph of production 1 item	1974
C DISK/8/10	Unidentified photographs with 'Rough Proof' Stamp 3 items	n.d.
C DISK/8/11	'Gill in Edwardian Conservatory' Photograph inscribed on the reverse: 'Costume made for Richard play on [?] Lloyd and worn in community play on suffragette etc.' 1 item	1988
C DISK/9	Miscellaneous items relating to Kay Stevens' interest and participation in other amateur dramatic societies and productions 5 items	c.1980-c.1986
C DISK/9/1	Subject File: 'America March 86' Contains miscellaneous records including press cuttings, programme leaflets, and documents relating to a comedy named 'Relative Speaking' performed by The British Theatre Association and The Navasota Theatre Alliance in Texas. 1 item	c.1986
C DISK/9/2	Programme leaflets of the Hull Garret Players Three leaflets relating to productions presented by the Hull Garret Players called 'The Recruiting Officer', 'Middle Age Spread', and 'The Waiting Room'. 3 items	n.d.

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C DISK/9/3	Programme of the Haltemprice Gilbert & Sullivan Society Programme relating to the play 'The Sorcerer' performed by the Haltemprice Gilbert & Sullivan Society at Hessle Town Hall. 1 item	24 Nov 1980-29 Nov 1980
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