

C DSMF

**Kingston upon Hull Musical
Festival Society Records**

1921-2013

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Historical Background: The first Hull and District Music Festival was held in 1906, and was due to the efforts of the Rev. T.F. Jones of Burstwick. He felt such an event would benefit the area, which resulted in the formation of a society to organise such a competition. The new society held its 1st event at various locations around the city including the Royal Institution, on Albion Street, Hull City Hall and the Church Institute also on Albion Street. Over the years it would be held at other venues such as Queen's Hall, Waltham Street Wesleyan School Room, the Presbyterian Hall on Baker Street, Farmery Hall at Bevin House, Hessle High School, Hull Grammar School, Beverley Longcroft School and the Freedom Centre on Hull's Preston Road.

Through the years, the festival itself has comprised of events such as stage dancing, solo vocal and choral competitions, piano, folk and Morris dancing, instrumental classes, verse and drama, school dancing and competitions for school choirs. The festival would run for up to 4 weeks in its heyday, but by late 1990s, it had been reduced to only a few days. 2006 saw a revival for its 100th anniversary, with the support of the city council's Hull Music Service.

Custodial history: Passed to the History Centre in 2015 by society secretary, Gill Barker

Description: Minutes, constitution, correspondence, accounts and financial statements, competitors records and programmes

Arrangement :

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Extent: 5 boxes

Related material: The History Centre has the records of various organisations, such as the Hull Philharmonic Society (C DSPH), the Hull Junior Philharmonic Orchestra (C DSPJ), the Hull Folk Community (C DSHF), West Hull Ladies' Musical Union (C DSWH) and Hull Grammar School (C DEHG) who have all been involved with the Hull Music festival at various times. Please see our catalogue for more details. In addition, the centre has records relating to various individuals involved with the festival. For example, records relating to one of the society's stalwarts, Madame Sharrah of the Hull School of Music can be located at C DMM/13, along with a scrapbook at C DEX/30 whilst there is a competition certificate within the records of Norman Radley of Hull (C DINR).

The Hull Daily Mail (HDM) and the other local newspapers have featured the festival since its inception, as C DSMF/4/1 illustrates, and these reports can be found by consulting the newspapers which are available on microfilm at the History Centre. For example, for the new look festival in 1978, held between 15 March and 18 May, the HDM featured the winners of the various sections. Results of the 95th festival in 2001 were accorded almost a whole page

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(21 April 2001), whilst there were many articles promoting the 100th edition of the festival in 2006. Other features focus on performers at the festivals, such as Jennifer Heelas who became chairwoman in 2003, after first performing in the festival in 1946 (24 March 2003) and Serena Myers who took part in the 100th festival in 2006, after first performing at only aged 6. (7 Mar 2006). The HDM 'Flashback Daily' also featured the festival in April 28, 2015 on page 30.

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C DSMF/1	Minutes of the Musical Festival Society 1 bundle	1943-1951
C DSMF/1/1	Musical Festival Society minutes Includes minutes of the annual general meetings and the executive council 1 bundle	25 Oct 1943- 21 Aug 1951
C DSMF/2	Constitution of the Musical Festival Society 1 item 1 bundle	1978-1987
C DSMF/2/1	Constitution of the Musical Festival Society Includes a draft version of constitution 1 item	1987
C DSMF/2/2	Correspondence with Charity Commission relating to the constitution of the Musical Festival Society 1 bundle	12 Jul 1978- 3 Jul 1987
C DSMF/3	Financial records of the Musical Festival Society 1 volume 2 bundles	1952-2000
C DSMF/3/1	Musical Festival Society income and expenditure accounts and balance sheets With gaps 1 bundle	1952-1982
C DSMF/3/2	Financial statements of the Musical Festival Society With gaps 1 bundle	1984-2000
C DSMF/3/3	General accounts ledger of the Musical Festival Society 1 volume	1 Oct 1972- 30 Sep 1988
C DSMF/4	Competitors records of the Musical Festival 2 items 3 bundles	1921-2008
C DSMF/4/1	Mounted report of the first Hull Music Festival Re-printed from the Hull News 2 June 1906 1 item	c.2006

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C DSMF/4/2	Prize-winners concerts of the Musical Festival Includes programmes, notes on the running orders, correspondence and a souvenir poster 1 bundle	1921-1984
C DSMF/4/3	Acknowledgements from competitors of the Musical Festival who won the Moira Smith Bursary The bursary enabled individuals to take part in the European Youth Summer Music School Item closed at the request of the depositor until January 2035 1 bundle	2004-2008
C DSMF/4/4	CV's of previous competitors from the Musical Festival Collected for the 100th Anniversary, it contains background details of those who went on to have professional careers in music or acting, including Maureen Lipman, mezzo-soprano Amy Black (1973- 2003), actress Justine Glenton and pianist Robert Markham Item closed at the request of the depositor until January 2037 1 bundle	2005-2006
C DSMF/4/5	Musical Festival blank competitor's admission card 1 item	2007
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C DSMF/5/1	Programmes of the Hull Competitive Musical Festival 1 bundle	1922-1929
C DSMF/5/2	Programmes of the Hull Competitive Musical Festival 1 bundle	1930-1935
C DSMF/5/3	Programmes of the Musical Festival 1 bundle	1936-1939
C DSMF/5/4	Programmes of the Hull Joint Musical Festival and the Hull Musical Festival 1 bundle	1944-1946
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C DSMF/5/7	Programmes of the Hull Musical Festival and the Jubilee Music Festival 1 bundle	1953-1955

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C DSMF/5/8	Programmes of the Hull Musical Festival 1 bundle	1956-1959
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C DSMF/5/11	Programmes of the Hull Musical Festival 1 bundle	1967-1969
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C DSMF/5/14	Programmes of the Hull Musical Festival 1 bundle	1976-1979
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