

## **L DSAO Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society 1905-1999**

**Historical Background:** A Amateur Operatic Society was first mentioned in May 1897 due to the success of the St. James' Choir in 'Trial by Jury' that month. On the 30 July 1897 it was reported that the Grand Theatre was taken for a little before Christmas by the new organisation the Hull Amateur Operatic Society with its first performane H.M.S. Pinafore taking place on 20- 21 December 1897.

Today the Hull Amateur Operatic Society are superceeded by the Hull Musical Theatre Company who meet weekly at Cottingham Civic Hall, perfoming one-off muscial concerts and muscial shows wherever possible. For more information on the Hull Musical Theatre Company see <https://www.hullmtc.co.uk/>

Items were formerly catalogued under reference L.782.8

**Custodial history:** Deposited with Hull Local Studies Library prior to its relocation to the Hull History Centre in 2010.

**Description:** Mainly performance programmes, but also contains posters, playbills, photographs, Treasurer's Accounts and miscelleaneous items. Gaps have been left for some years in case of future deposits.

### **Arrangement:**

L DSAO/1 Programmes, 1905-1999

L DSAO/2 Playbills, 1980-1990

L DSAO/3 Posters, 1975-1985

L DSAO/4 Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, 1947-1958

L DSAO/5 Photographs of performers and performances, 1920-1930s

L DSAO/6 Miscellaneous material, 1947

**Extent:** 2 boxes, 1 bundle/0.24 linear meters

**Related material:** Various music related societies, including the Hull Philharmonic Society (L DSPH and C DSPH) and the Hull Bach Choir (L DSHB) can be found searching the Hull History Centre online catalogue at <https://catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk/>

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<b>L DSAO/1</b>	<b>Performance programmes</b>	<b>1905-1999</b>
L DSAO/1/1	Programmes There are currently no performance programmes for these years	1897-1899
L DSAO/1/2	Programmes Performance programmes 5 items	1900-1910
L DSAO/1/3	Programmes Performance programmes 4 items	1911-1920

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L DSAO/1/4	Programmes Performance programmes 9 items	1921-1930
L DSAO/1/5	Programmes Performance programmes 8 items	1931-1940
L DSAO/1/6	Programmes Performance programmes 1 item	1941-1950
L DSAO/1/7	Programmes Performance programmes 1 item	1951-1960
L DSAO/1/8	Programmes There are currently no performance programmes for these years	1961-1970
L DSAO/1/9	Programmes There are currently no performance programmes for these years	1971-1980
L DSAO/1/10	Programmes Performance programmes 3 items	1981-1990
L DSAO/1/11	Programmes Performance programmes 2 items	1991-1999
<b>L DSAO/2</b>	<b>Playbills</b> 5 items	<b>1979-1991</b>
L DSAO/2/1	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Playbills Playbills 5 items	1979-1991
<b>L DSAO/3</b>	<b>Posters</b> 9 items	<b>1975-1985</b>
L DSAO/3/1	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Posters Posters 9 items	1975-1985

<b>L DSAO/4</b>	<b>Treasurer's Statement of Accounts</b> Only for the years 1747, 1957 and 1958 3 items	<b>1947-1958</b>
L DSAO/4/1	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Treasurer's Statement of Account Season 1947. Includes advance notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Lists Committee members. Also lists committee members 1 item	1947
L DSAO/4/2	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Treasurer's Statement of Account Season 1957. Includes advance notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, including Business. Lists Committee members. Also lists committee members 1 item	1957
L DSAO/4/3	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Treasurer's Statement of Account Season 1958. Includes advance notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, including Business. Lists Committee members. Also lists committee members 1 item	1958
<b>L DSAO/5</b>	<b>Photographs of performers and performances</b> Black and white photographs collected by Norman Staveley showing performers/ performances but includes two newspaper cuttings, one of performers and one of chairman and treasurer and possibly other members of local dignitaries. In some cases, performance/ and or performers are recorded on the back. See item level description for more detail 9 items	<b>1920-1930s</b>
L DSAO/5/1	Photograph showing the performers of 'Tom Jones' Black and white photograph of the cast in costume on stage. Individual cast members not listed 1 item	1920
L DSAO/5/2	Photograph showing the performance of Veronique Black and white photograph of cast performing, includes musicians. Individual cast members/ musicians not listed 1 item	1920-1930s

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L DSAO/5/3	<p>Photograph showing the performance of Utopia Ltd.                      Black and white photograph of the cast in costume on stage. Individual cast members not listed                      1 item</p>	1920-1930s
L DSAO/5/4	<p>Photograph of performers                      Black and white photograph of four female performers, possibly a performance by Gilbert and Sullivan. Individual cast members not listed                      1 item</p>	1920-1930s
L DSAO/5/5	<p>Photograph of Musical performers                      Black and white photograph of seven performers. Names on the back are Ray [Porter], Cecil Hall, Harold Waters and [B?] Houston                      1 item</p>	1920-1930s
L DSAO/5/6	<p>Photograph of cast/performers 'Rose Marie'                      Black and white photograph. Individual cast members not listed.                      1 item</p>	1933
L DSAO/5/7	<p>Photograph from souvenir programme, 1935 showing F. Cyril Wright as 'Captain Regnier'; E.G. Corrick as 'Sergeant Francois Lefbevre and Audrey Dover as Catherine Upscher. Instructions: Straighten out creases in breeches.                      Black and white photograph                      1 item</p>	1935
L DSAO/5/8	<p>Newspaper extract titled 'Hull Amateurs in Baltic Operetta'                      Cutting from News Chronicle, 9 December 1935. Performance was Duchess of Dantzic. Shows cast with the following performers named:                      Mr. W. Smith - Papillom                      Mr. J.H. Wilkinson - Philippe de Bethune                      Miss Audrey Dover - La Sans-Gené                      1 item</p>	9 Dec 1935
L DSAO/5/9	<p>Newspaper extract showing cheque being handed over                      Cutting, possibly from Hull Daily Mail. Shows Mr. W.J. Robins, chairman of Hull Amateur Operatic Society, Honorary Treasurer, Mr. E. William Fraser handing over cheque for £100 for the Mother Humber fund                      1 item</p>	n.d.

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<b>L DSAO/6</b>	<b>Miscellaneous material</b> 1 item	<b>1947-1957</b>
L DSAO/6/1	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Letter Letter on headed paper from the Hull Amateur Operatic Society to Hull Corporation Chief Librarian informing of producing a musical 'Wild Violets' on 8 December [1947] 1 item	6 Oct 1947
L DSAO/6/2	Items relating to the Hull Amateur Operatic Society: Dinner invitation and menu to the Society's Diamond Jubilee, 1897-1957 Invitation is addressed to Mr. A Staveley to attend to dinner held at the Guildhall on Monday 25th Nov 1957. The dinner menu contains seven signatures on the front. 2 items	25 Nov 1957