

U DX92

Papers of Roger McGough

1974-1983

Biographical Background:

Roger Joseph McGough was born in Liverpool on 9th November 1937. He studied French and Geography at Hull University, returning to Liverpool in the early 1960s as a French teacher. As a member of the pop group, Scaffold he wrote the lyrics for many of the group's hit songs including 'Lily the Pink' which reached No1 in December 1968.

As one of the Liverpool poets alongside Adrian Henri and Brian Patten, producing *The Mersey Sound* (1967), *The Liverpool scene* (1967) and *New Volume* (1983). He wrote some of the dialogue for the Beatle animation film *Yellow Submarine* and also appeared on the mockumentary *The Rutles* which appeared in 1978. He has published over 50 books including *Selected Poems 1967-1987* (1989). He won a BAFTA award for *Kurt, Mungo, BP and me* (1984), and wrote the lyrics for the musical *Wind in the Willows*, performed on Broadway in 1985-86.

He is host on BBC Radio 4's *Poetry Please* and was awarded an O.B.E. for services to poetry in 1997 and a C.B.E in 2004. In 2003 he was awarded the Freedom of the City of Liverpool. He is currently President of The Poetry Society.

Custodial history:

Donated by Roger McGough, Liverpool, 18 July 1974 [U DX92/1-3], Jul 1980 [U DX92/4-7], and Aug 1983 [U DX92/8]

Description:

The collection comprises four notebooks containing notes for, and drafts of, poems and copies of correspondence with Philip Larkin.

Extent: 8 items

Related material:

There is a large volume of modern poetry material in the University archives including the papers and workbooks of Philip Larkin (U DPL), material by Florence Margaret 'Stevie' Smith (U DP156 and U DP209), archives of several poetry magazines including *New Review* (U DP168), *Wave* (U DP158) and *Spectacular Diseases* (U DP191) and Reality Studios (U DRS).

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Hull History Centre: Papers of Roger McGough

U DX92/1	Writing pad containing notes for, and drafts of, poems (26 sheets) 1 item	pre 1974
U DX92/2	Writing pad containing notes for, and drafts of, poems (32 sheets) 1 item	pre 1974
U DX92/3	Photocopy of letter from Roger McGough to Philip Larkin. Sending items U DX92/1-2 1 item	15 Jul 1974
U DX92/4	Notebook containing notes for, and drafts of, poems and cartoons (38 sheets) 1 item	Feb 1974
U DX92/5	Notebook containing notes for, and drafts of, poems and cartoons (29 sheets) 1 item	pre 1980
U DX92/6	Photocopy of letter from Philip Larkin to Roger McGough. Acknowledging receipt of U DX92/4-5 1 item	1 Jul 1980
U DX92/7	Photocopy of letter from Roger McGough to Philip Larkin in reply to U DX92/6 1 item	12 Jan 1981
U DX92/8	Press cutting. Article on Roger McGough by Avril Groom, from 'The Daily Telegraph' 1 item	27 Aug 1983