

Theatre and concert programmes, Reading, 1941-1967.  
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## READING THEATRE AND CONCERT PROGRAMMES

**Concert programmes**

1	Order of service of English music in St Giles' Church, Reading, by the Fleet Street Choir, in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund, 20 September 1941.	1 doc	1941
2/1-2	Programmes for concert by choirs of Reading Temperance Society and Wesley Church, at Wesley [Methodist] Church, Reading, 21 April 1943 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ); and promenade concert piano recital by Myra Hess at Reading Town Hall, 31 October 1943.	1 bdl	1943
3/1-5	Programmes for promenade concert piano recital by Louis Kentner at Reading Town Hall, 12 March 1944; concerts by the Reading Madrigal Society and Newbury String Players at Abbey School Hall, Kendrick Road, Reading, 10 June 1944, and at St Mary's Church, Reading, 16 December 1944; and concerts by Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 24 September (in aid of the Reading Holidays At Home Committee) and 10 December 1944.	1 bdl	1944
4/1-2	Programmes for concerts by Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 2 August and (with Reading Festival Chorus), 19 October 1945.	1 bdl	1945
5/1-5	Programmes for choral concert at Reading University, 20 February 1946; concert by the Hallé Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 10 May 1946; concert by the New London Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 11 October 1946; concert by the London Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 29 November 1946; and concert by the Reading Mastersingers at Abbey School Hall, Reading, in aid of the National Appeal for Boys' Clubs, 18 December 1946.	1 bdl	1946
6/1-4	Programmes for concert by The Hungarian String Quartet at Reading Town Hall, 7 February 1947; concerts by the Hallé Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 16-17 May 1947; and concert by Reading Festival Chorus and a section of Reading Symphony Orchestra, at Reading Town Hall, 23 December 1947 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ).	1 bdl	1947

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| 7/1-3  | Programmes for concerts by Reading Symphony Orchestra, 29 January 1948, Ginette Neveu and Jean Neveu, 5 March 1948, and Reading Festival Chorus and Reading Symphony Orchestra, 28 April 1948, all at Reading Town Hall.  | 1 bdl | 1948 |
| 8/1-3  | Programmes for concert by Reading Madrigal Society at St Mary's Church, Reading, 28 March 1950 (Bach, <i>St Matthew Passion</i> ); concert by Reading Festival Chorus and a section of Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 15 April 1950 (Bach, <i>Mass in B Minor</i> ); and recital by Rowland G O Hill at Palmer Hall, Reading, 3 November 1950.  | 1 bdl | 1950 |
| 9/1-7  | Programmes for concerts by the Reading Chamber Opera Group at St Laurence's Hall, Reading, 20 April 1951; London Philharmonic Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 27 October and 6 December 1951; Reading Temperance Choral Society at Wesley Methodist Church, Reading, 7 November 1951 (Mendelssohn, <i>Elijah</i> ); the Sainsbury Singers at Tilehurst Congregational Church, 5 December 1951; Reading Festival Chorus and Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, (English choral works (as part of the Festival of Britain)), 28 April 1951; Reading Festival Chorus and a section of Reading Symphony Orchestra, 12-13 December 1951 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ). | 1 bdl | 1951 |
| 10/1-4 | Programmes for concerts by the British Concert Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 20 January 1952; Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 21 May and 26 November 1952; and the Sainsbury Singers at Tadley Memorial Hall, Tadley, Hampshire, 19 December 1952 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ).   | 1 bdl | 1952 |
| 11/1-3 | Programmes for concerts by the Sainsbury Singers at Milton Road Baptist Church, Wokingham, 21 March 1953 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ); Reading Festival Chorus at Reading Town Hall, 29 April 1953 (Handel, <i>Solomon</i> and <i>Zadok the Priest</i> ); and Reading Festival Chorus at Reading Town Hall, 2 December 1953 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ).   | 1 bdl | 1953 |

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| 12/1-3 | Programmes for concerts by the Sainsbury Singers at Elm Park Hall Methodist Church, Reading, 23 January 1954 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ); Reading Festival Chorus at Reading Town Hall, 7 April 1954 (Bach, <i>St Matthew Passion</i> ); and the Sainsbury Singers at St Paul's [Presbyterian] Church, York Road, Reading, 15 December 1954 (Mendelssohn, <i>Elijah</i> ). | 1 bdl | 1954 |
| 13/1-3 | Programmes for concert by Anna Russell, musical satirist, at Reading Town Hall, 23 September [1955]; Reading Festival Chorus at Reading Town Hall, 1 December 1955 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ); and the Sainsbury Singers at St Mary's Church, Speenhamland, 10 December 1955 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ).   | 1 bdl | 1955 |
| 14     | Programme for concert by Reading Festival Chorus at Reading Town Hall, 3 December 1958 (Handel, <i>Messiah</i> ).  | 1 doc | 1958 |
| 15     | Programme for concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra at Reading Town Hall, 31 January 1961.  | 1 doc | 1961 |
| 16     | Programme for Frank Sainsbury Memorial Concert by the Sainsbury Singers at Rainbow Hall, in aid of the Freedom From Hunger campaign, 22 February 1964.   | 1 doc | 1964 |

**Theatre programmes**

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| 17/1-3  | Programmes for professional productions at the Palace Theatre, Reading.<br>( <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> by the Royal Covent Garden Opera Company, 8-13 December 1947; <i>Lady Windermere's Fan</i> , 26 April [1948]; and <i>Pack Up Your Troubles</i> , 27 July-1 August [1953].) | 1 bdl | 1947-[1953] |
| 18/1-31 | Programmes for operas, operettas and musicals performed by the Sainsbury Singers at Reading Town Hall.<br>( <i>See Appendix I for list of productions.</i> )   | 1 bdl | 1948-1967   |

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19/1-3	Programmes for musicals performed by All Saints' Operatic Society at Reading Town Hall. (1 <i>Miss Hook Of Holland</i> , 20-23 October 1948. 2 <i>A Waltz Dream</i> , 19-22 October 1949. 3 <i>The New Moon</i> , October 1950.)	1 bdl	1948-1950
20/1-3	Programmes for operettas and musicals performed by the Royal County Amateur Operatic Society at the Palace Theatre, Reading. (1 <i>The Yeomen of the Guard</i> , 21-26 February 1949. 2 <i>Ruddigore</i> , 6-11 March [1950]. 3 <i>Bless the Bride</i> , 19-24 February [1951].)	1 bdl	1949-[1951]
21/1-2	Programmes for operettas performed by the Reading Amateur Operatic Society at the Palmer Hall, Reading. (1 <i>The Gondoliers</i> , 28-31 March 1951. 2 <i>Iolanthe</i> , 18-21 March 1953.)	1 bdl	1951-1953
22/1-2	Programmes for musicals performed by the Tudor Amateur Operatic Society at Reading Town Hall. (1 <i>Brigadoon</i> , 29 March-2 April 1960. 2 <i>Free As Air</i> , 11-15 April 1961.)	1 bdl 1 bdl	1960-1961 1960-1961
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
23/1-5	Letters to Donald G Willis of [an unidentified Reading operatic society, possibly the Sainsbury Singers] from musical dignitaries including the singers Gwen Catley, honorary vice-president of the society, and Kathleen Ferrier.	1 bdl	1948-1950
24	Menu for official dinner at Reading Town Hall in honour of delegation from Reading, Pennsylvania, United States of America, 1 June 1953, with entertainment by the Sainsbury Singers and the Len Lacy Quintet.	1 doc	1953
25	Press cutting from <i>The Reading and Berkshire Review</i> , November [1953], including feature on the Sainsbury Singers.	1 doc	[1953]

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**Appendix I**List of programmes in D/EX 2058/18

- 1 *The Arcadians*, 24-29 May 1948.
- 2 *Tom Jones*, 23-27 November 1948.
- 3 *The Bartered Bride*, 17-21 January 1950.
- 4 *Merrie England*, 23-27 September 1952.
- 5 *The Belle Of New York*, 21-25 April 1953.
- 6 *The Mikado*, 3-7 November 1953.
- 7 *Faust*, 26-30 April 1954.
- 8 *A Country Girl*, 1-6 November 1954.
- 9 *The Quaker Girl*, 2-7 May 1955.
- 10 *Elijah*, 1-5 November 1955.
- 11 *The Yeomen Of The Guard*, 30 April-5 May 1956.
- 12 *The Maid Of The Mountains*, 29 October-3 November 1956.
- 13 *The Arcadians*, 29 April-4 May 1957.
- 14 *The Gypsy Baron*, 28 October-2 November 1957.
- 15 *White Horse Inn*, 24 April-3 May 1958.
- 16 *The Duchess of Dantzic*, 17 October-1 November 1958.
- 17 *The Merry Widow*, 27 April-2 May 1959.
- 18 *Patience*, 2-7 November 1959.
- 19 *Die Fledermaus*, 2-7 May 1960.
- 20 *Iolanthe*, 31 October-5 November 1960.
- 21 *The Rebel Maid*, 1-6 May 1961.
- 22 *Martha*, 30 October-4 November 1961.
- 23 *Perchance to Dream*, 30 April-5 May 1962.
- 24 *The Gondoliers*, 29 October-3 November 1962.

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- 25        *The Desert Song*, 29 April-4 May 1963.
- 26        *The Mikado*, 27 April-2 May 1964.
- 27        *The New Moon*, 26-31 October 1964.
- 28        *Bless The Bride*, 26 April-1 May 1965.
- 29        *The Vagabond King*, 25-30 April 1966.
- 30        *Ruddigore*, 17-22 October 1966.
- 31        *The Merry Widow*, 24-29 April 1967.