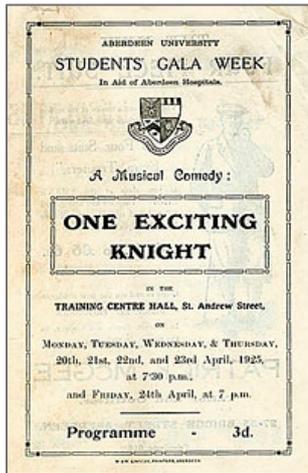


85 Years of Student Show Programme Covers



One Exciting Knight (1925) MSU 562/5

Between 1923 and 1926, the Student Show was staged in the Training Centre Hall, St. Andrew Street. R. F. G. McCallum, who wrote the music for this musical comedy, was also responsible for the well-known theme song 'Stella the Bajanella' (1922), from the show of the same name. A copy of the original script is also available to view.



Beating Time (1938) MSU 1044

A musical comedy in three acts, performed at His Majesty's Theatre in April 1938. A recording of songs from the show was made by the Aberdeen pianist Jimmy Ross at the HMV studios in London and was available for the audience to buy for two shillings and sixpence.



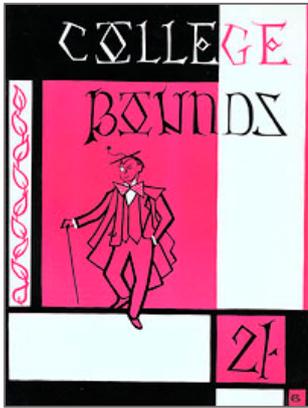
Watch Your Step (1940) MSU 1073/1

The cover design for Watch Your Step clearly reflected the times, and the Editor of the programme notes that the war had taken the 'heart and soul' of the show. A perhaps less obvious attraction of these earlier souvenir programmes are the many advertisements which appear as a reminder of past fashions and long forgotten retail outlets in Aberdeen.



Marischal Moments (1944) MSU 1044

The difficulty in producing the souvenir programme during this period was made clear in the Editor's introduction, citing the shortage of paper and firms forced to operate with only a skeleton staff.



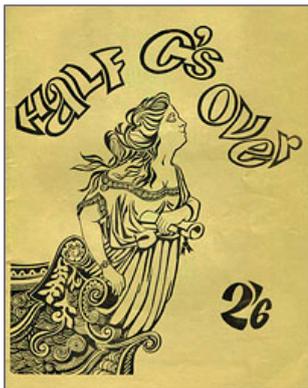
College Bounds (1957) MSU 1073/1

William 'Buff' Hardie, one of many talented script-writers to grace the Student Show, helped to co-write College Bounds. Together with George Donald and Steve Robertson, who also performed in and wrote for the show, he went on to form the successful comedy revue group 'Scotland the What?'.



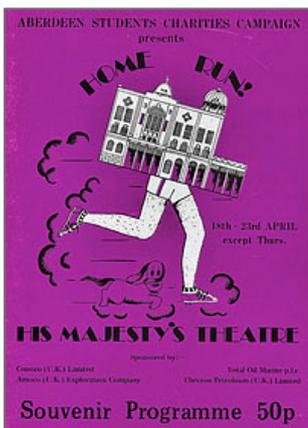
Rage of King's (1961) MS 1073/1

A revue produced by Reginald Barrett-Ayres, this celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Student Show.



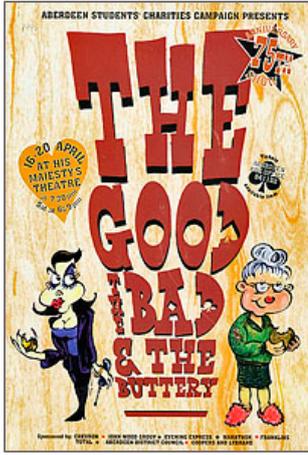
Half C's Over (1970) MSU 1073/1

A revue directed by Alan Nicol, the staging of Half C's Over marked fifty years of Student Show and included renditions of well-known songs from the past such as 'Stella the Bajanelle' (1922).



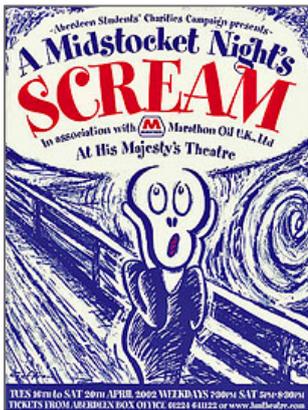
Home Run (1983) ACC 144

During this period the cover designs for the Student Show programme were quite different to those of the 1940's and 50's and certainly less 'busy' and colourful when compared to those produced from the mid-1980's onwards.



The Good, The Bad & The Buttery (1996) MSU 1073/1

This marked the 75th Anniversary of the Student Show, and like many of the shows performed in recent years, parodied a famous film production.



A Midstocket Night's Scream (2002) MSU 1073/1

Director: David Lamb; Musical Director: Steven Rance.