

The Temperance Hall, Granby Street, home of the LOU for many years. With permission of the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, Ref: Thomas Cook Collection, DE7845.

The Leicester Orchestral Union was Leicester's first symphony orchestra giving well attended annual concerts from 1874 to 1923. It was also an important precursor to the Leicester Symphony Orchestra with over half of early LSO players previously playing for the LOU. The LOU is almost forgotten today but I was lucky enough to be given access to the family collection of concert programmes held by Cedric Lee. Cedric's mother, Grace Burrows, uncle Benjamin Burrows and grandfather B H Burrows were all heavily involved in the LOU for many years. Grace led the orchestra in its final years and went on to be a founder member and leader of the LSO. Using the programmes together with press reports from the British Newspaper Archive I was able to piece together the story of the LOU in an article 'A Feast of Fine Music' The story of Leicester Orchestral Union, Leicester's pioneer orchestra. which was published in the Leicestershire Historian Volume 60 (2024). You may need to magnify these scans from LOU concert programmes which supplement those in the article. Included are player lists and a complete list of music performed, providing valuable background detail on this fascinating story.

Sam Dobson



1892 Programme cover



List of works performed 1874-1885



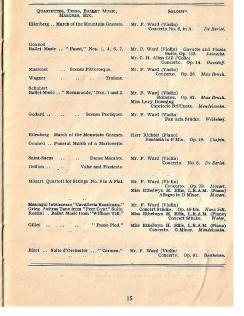
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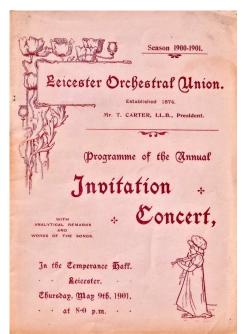
lat Violins.	Violas.	Bassoons.
	Mr. T. CARTER	Mr. T. A. Wykes
MR. F. WARD,	Principal.	R. Rowe
Principal.	" C. B. GAMBLE	
H. BANTON	., J. GREATOREX	Horns.
., M. BARNETT	G. TUFFLEY	Mr. G. Butler M. A. Green
., A. Hodgkins	H. WYKES	" M. A. GREEN
J. Johnson I. C. Muston		Trumpets.
. I. E. ORGILL	Violoncellos.	Mr. G. LAWRENCE
D. S. SANSOM	Mr. J. Owen, Principal.	, W. WADDINGTON
E. W. WALTON	REV. W. E. TERRY	
MISS W. HUMBERSTONE	MR.W. E. BAILEY	Trombones.
MRS. BATES	" J.W. DURRAD	MR. J. CASTLE
Scott	" F. Pochin "W.Rowlett, Jr.	, D. RICHIE
	J. STANYON	,, J. LAWRENCE
2nd Violins.		Tympani.
MR. A.P. HANFORD,	MR.H.S.THOMPSON,	MR. C. HANCOCK,
Principal G. Bosworth	Principal.	Mus. Bac
. C. W. FINDLEY	E. A. GAMBLE	n Baki
A. W. HOLYOAK	" MUSTON, SEN.	Side Drum.
" G. R. KIRWAN	" MATTHEWS.	MR. LANT
., T. R. LAWRENCE	Flutes.	Cymbals & B.Drum.
F. SHARPE	MR. J. T. DEWICK	MR. L. ELLIS
W. H. STEVENS	" F. SEALE	Triangle.
J. R. TAYLOR	Oboes.	Mr. Gamble
MISS K. BROMLEY	MR.W.T.ROWLETT	
E. H. Ellis	., E. TAYLOR	Mr. Armstrong
. F. M. GREWCOCK	Clarionets.	DIR. HEMBIROAG
., H. JONES	Mr. F. ROWLETT	Librarian.
MRS. MASSEY	" W. F. ISLIP	Mr. R. Rowe
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Player list 1892





List of works performed 1886-1893

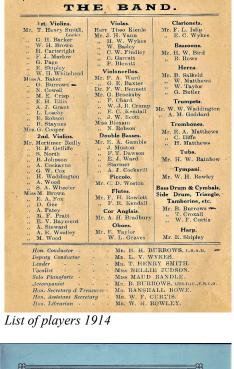


1901 Programme cover

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List of works performed 1894-1902

	PRIOS, BALLET MUSIC, CRES, ETC.	SOLOISTS.
German Da	uces from "Henry VIII."	Miss Ethelwyn H. Ellis, L.R.A.M. (Pian Concerto, No. 3, C Minor. Bestkove Mr. Winterbottom (Contra Bass) Adagio and Rondo. Storc
	sic "Polyeucte" A.B.D.G.	Mr. F. Ward (Violin) Concerto. Op. 70. Spoi
Sullivan Operatio	"Scenes Pittoresques." Selection "The Gondoliers." Pizzicato . Op. 29. ousand and One Nights."	Mr. F. Ward (Violin) Concerto. No. 6. De Beri Mr. Armstrong (Flute) Hungarian Pantasia. Op. 2. Anderso
	' Jeux d'enfants,'' Op. 22.	Mr. F. Ward (Violin) Concerto. Op. 26. Max Brue
Meral m		
Bizet Suite d	sic "Dgsamunde," No. 1. l'Orchestra " L'arlésienne," No. 1.	Miss Ethelwyn H. Ellis, L.R.A.M. (Pian Capriccio Brillante. Mendelssoh Mr. F. Ward (Violins) Herr Th. Kienle
Tschaikowsky	Orchestral Suite " Casse-Noisette."	Duet. Op. 39, No. 2. Spok
W. Charles and Art		
Grieg Orchestral S	uite "Peer Gynt," No. 2.	Mr. F. Ward (Violin) Introduction ar Rondo Capriccioso. Op. 28. Saint-Saint
· 200		
Dvorák	Swedish Dances.	Miss Ethelwyn H. Ellis, L.R.A.M. (Pian. Concerto. Op. 185, Raj
Dunelle Slave	nic Dance, Op. 46, No. 2.	Herr Johannessen (Violin)
Glück-Mottl	Ballet Suite, No. 2.	Concerto. Op. 26. Max Bruc
	ue ii Merchant of Venice."	Herr Johannessen (Violin) Rondo Capriccioso. Saint-Saen Herr Lehmann (*Cello)



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PROGRAMME PART I

"The Jewel Song" (Faust) .

At the organ . Dr. E. LEWIS LILLEY Symphony in A Major "Italian" . . . Mendelssohn INTERVAL

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From the Suite "The Children's Corner" . "Céphale et Procris".

(a) "Boat Song"

(b) "Should he Upbraid"

Miss MARGARET NEALE " Carillon "

At the Piano . MRS. NEVILLE RUSSELL

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Fantasia Dialogueé (for Organ and Orchestra) .

. "Academic Festival" . Brahms

Gounod

Boellmann

· Debussy

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Harriet Ware

· Bishop

. Elgar

Overture .

Ballet...Suite

Symphonies.	OVERTURES.	QUARIETTES, TRIOS, BALLET MUSIC, MARCHES, ETC.	Soloists.
Tschalkowsky No. 5, in E Minor. Go Op. 64.	etz " Taming of the Shrew."	German . Dances from "Nell Gwynn."  Elgar March "Pomp and Circumstance,"  No. 1.	Miss Ethelwyn H. Ellis, L.I Concerto. No. 5, Op. Herr Lehmann ('Cello) Sonata in a
	humann . "Manfred."	Delibes Suite "Sylvia."	Miss Rowena Franklin (Viol Romance, Op. 42
Dvorak No. 1, in D, Op. 60. Br	ahms "Academic." endelssohn "Ruy Blas."	Elgar " Variations," Op. 36.	Herr Th. Kienle (Violin) "Balade et Polonaise."
	llivan "Di Ballo."	Grieg Suite" Peer Gynt," No. 1, Op. 46.	Herr Th. Kienle (Vie Miss Rowena Franklin
	agner "Faust." endelssohn "Midsummer Night's Dream."	Sibelius Symphonic Poem, "Finlandia."	Herr Th. Kienle (Violin) Cone
Dvorak From " The New World." Ts	chalkowsky "1812." agner "Flying Dutchman."	Luigini Ballet "Egyptian."  Grieg Lyric Suite, Op. 55.	Herr Lehmann ('Cello) " Blegiac Poems" " Allegretto," from Concert
Schubert No. 8, in B Minor. Be (UNEINISHED.)	ethoven "Coriolanus."	Saint-Saens Suite "Algerienne," Op. 80.	Herr Th. Kienle (Violin) Concerto.
Beethoven No. 6, Pastorale. Su We	llivan "In Memoriam." eber "Euryanthe." 2ct "La Patrie."	Wagner Introduction, 3rd Act, Sibelius "Lohengrin" Value Triste."	
7 Beethoven No. 2, in D, Op. 36. Hu	zet	Massenet Ballet Suite "Le Cid."  Dvorùk Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, No. 2.	Miss Ethelwyn H. Ellis, L.F "Hungarian F
Dvorak No. 4, in G, Op. 88. Me	endelssohn	Saint-Saens "Danse Macabre." Tschalkowsky Suite "La Belle au Bois	Herr W. Lehmann ('Celio) "Canzone" "Oriental Dance"
Schumann "Spring," No. 1, in B Flat, Sci Op. 38.	hubert "Rosamunde."	Sinigaglia Danze "Piemontesi."  Tschalkowsky Orchestral Suite, "Casse-	Miss Grace Burrows, L.R.A.) Concerto. Op. 26 Adagio and
Kalinnikow No. 1, G Minor. We	eber "Oberon."	H. Balfour Gardiner "Shepherd Fennel's Dance."  Järnefeldt "Praeludium."	Miss Maud Randle (Piano) " Variations Symphonique,"
Dvorak No. 1, in D, Op. 60. Be	assenet "Phedre."  ethoven "Egmont."  sckenzie "Britannia."	Masscuct "Scenes Pittoresques." Howell "Puck's Minuet." Laurence "Tristis."	Mrs, Neville Russell (Piano) Capricelo Brillante.

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