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APRIL/AUGUST 1977

The Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts

20 Hammerton Street, Burnley, Lancs.

# CALENDAR AND TICKET PRICES

In keeping with usual practice, MPAA operates a reduced programme throughout the summer months. However, it is presenting the following events, and there will undoubtedly be some later additions, so watch the press for details. Meanwhile, the Artsquad carry on their workshops, TheatreMobile present two childrens shows, and the Welfare State's presence will be much in evidence!

APRIL					
Wed.	13	10 a.m. -12 noon	Library, HASLINGDEN	Artsquad Children's Workshop	Free
Thu.	14	1.30 p.m.	"	"	"
Fri.	15	3.30 p.m.	"	"	"
Sun.	17	8.00 p.m.	Sporting Club, GREAT HARWOOD	Buddy Tate	£1.50
MAY					
Sun.	1	7.00 p.m.	Municipal Hall, COLNE	Atarah's Band	60p/30p <sup>o</sup>
Mon.	2	9.30 a.m.	Nelson & Colne College, NELSON	Four Young Photographers Exhibition	Free
Tue.	31	-5.00 p.m.			
Sun.	8	8.00 p.m.	Sporting Club, GREAT HARWOOD	Bud Freeman	£1.50
Tue.	17	7.30 p.m.	Municipal Hall, COLNE	Joseph Cooper	75p/40p
Fri.	20	8.00 p.m.	Haworth Gallery, ACCRINGTON	Janette & Jennifer Sharp	70p/35p
Thu.	26	9.30 a.m.	MPAA Premises	"Against the Odds"	Free
July	2	-5.00 p.m.	BURNLEY	Jubilee Exhibition	
Sat.	28	10 a.m. -12 noon	Municipal College BURNLEY	Artsquad Family Workshop	Free
Sun.	29	2.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m. both days	"	"	"
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JUNE					
Thu.	9	8.00 p.m.	Sporting Club, GREAT HARWOOD	Harry Edison	£1.50
Sat.	18	10 a.m. -12 noon	Towneley Hall, BURNLEY	John Virtue Painting Weekend	Free
Sun.	19	2.0 p.m. -4.0 p.m.	"	"	"
Sat.	25	10 a.m. -12 noon	Towneley Hall, BURNLEY	John Virtue Painting Weekend	Free
Sun.	26	2.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m.	"	"	"
Sun.	26	7.30 p.m.	Municipal Hall, COLNE	Benny Carter	£1.30 /65p
AUGUST					
T.B.A.			HYNDBURN	Interplay Inflatables and Workshops	Free

The lower admission charges above are for students/OAP's/children.

<sup>o</sup>School parties of 10 or more can enter for 20p per head at this event.

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After the summer months we return to present an exciting programme over the area. The String Quartet season at Burnley Library will include the Lindsay, the Medici, the Chilingirian, and the Delme. Return visits include the Laudini Consort, and Michael Rippon - the latter part of a series planned for Nelson Civic Theatre. Both Yorkshire Baroque Opera and Yorkshire Baroque Soloists visit Todmorden in February and March, and the popular Haworth Art Gallery series continues.

The Mid-Pennine Association  
for the Arts  
Burnley 29513 

## ARTSPACK

April/August 1977

**Chairman: Councillor J. Meakin**

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**Fellow in Music: Atarah Ben-Tovim**

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Artistic Director TheatreMobile: Gloria Parkinson  
Company Manager TheatreMobile: Kevin Jennings  
Administrative Assistant MPAA: Shirley Towler  
Secretary MPAA: Janet Clunie

This is the third issue of Artspack in its present format, and although as a summer issue it is somewhat reduced in size, there is a great deal of up-to-date information concerning events in North East Lancashire. The Magazine is issued three times a year, and is available free-of-charge to anyone who requests it. Just write or 'phone to be included on the Mailing List.

## General information

The Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts was founded in 1966. It exists to promote all aspects of the arts in North East Lancashire. It is supported by the District Councils of Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle and Rossendale, and the Parish Council of Todmorden. It receives financial assistance from North West Arts. It is a non-profit distributing body registered as a Charity.

The Association presents over the year a whole range of professional entertainments including brass bands; string quartets; pianists; opera companies; folk groups; jazz bands; puppet companies; painters and sculptors; orchestras; and many more. MPAA has brought to live and work in the area Atarah Ben-Tovim, TheatreMobile, the Bentovim Ensemble, and the Welfare State. It has also initiated the Artsquad and a Puppet Company. MPAA is not a grant-aiding body, but it is willing to give advice to artists and organisations seeking aid.

**Offices:** MPAA's premises, open Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m.—5.00 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.—12 noon, shared with TheatreMobile, provide space for booking facilities, a comprehensive information service, rehearsal studio and workshops for TheatreMobile, and both continuous and short-run exhibitions.

**Associate Membership:** A number of those who support MPAA's work do so by taking up Associate Membership. This costs £1.05 per year, and brings the Member a free seat for three different MPAA events in the year. (The Membership Card cannot be used for joint promotions).

**Information:** Apart from MPAA and District Council activities listed herein, there is up-to-date

information on events in the North West and further afield available at Hammerton Street — 'phone or call for details.

**Booking:** You may book for MPAA, Theatre-Mobile, Burnley and Pendle District Councils, and the Manchester Royal Exchange Company, at the MPAA offices, open daily. For MPAA and Theatre-Mobile events, both postal bookings and 'phone reservations are accepted. Please check your local paper or programme before making your seat reservations, as programmes are subject to alterations. (Check your eligibility for a NWA Travel Subsidy).

**Help Wanted:** We have a very small number of staff to present a large number of events. Volunteers are always welcome to sell programmes or coffee at events, or even to look after one of our exhibitions. Or you could display posters for us. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the Director.

**Ticket Agencies:** As well as at the Box Office in Hammerton Street, tickets for all MPAA events can be bought from the following agencies:

Althams Travel Services: 13 Albert Road, COLNE  
26 Blackburn Road, ACCRINGTON.  
12 Ainsworth Street, BLACKBURN.  
1 Scotland Road, NELSON.

Ellen Smith (Tours) Ltd.:

4 Bury Road, RAWTENSTALL.

In addition, tickets for events in certain areas can be bought from the following:

### EVENTS IN TODMORDEN

Parkers Record Shop, Halifax Rd., Todmorden

### EVENTS IN ROSSENDALE

Leisure Services Department, 6 St. James Square, Bacup.

### EVENTS IN PENDLE

Leisure Services Department,  
19/23 Leeds Road, Nelson

### EVENTS IN HYNDBURN

Recreation Department,  
119, Blackburn Road, Accrington.

Check posters and press for full details of ticket outlets.



Districts which contribute to the Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts

## MPAA Do-It-Yourself

Though April is the start of the new financial year (as well as the warmer days of spring), it is also the end of MPAA's winter season of events. The change in tempo this year is more marked than before, because the summer programme is essentially participatory. Children's holiday workshops and playschemes throughout the area will be using the Artsquad to provide an extra dimension to activities. Adults are not forgotten — there are planned a number of adult workshops where the Artsquad will offer its skills to the public at large. If you have any specialist skill that you would be prepared to offer, let us know what it is, and when you might be available to join the expanded Artsquad team.

From this point in the year autumn may seem a long way off; summer holidays still to come, long hot days and light evenings in prospect. For MPAA, however, autumn has already started, and 1978 is but a blink away! The programme of events fills up, and estimates for the next financial year are completed by midsummer. Participation will remain an important new emphasis in our programme throughout the whole year — it's yours to enjoy, and from observation to date, you are enjoying doing it yourself.

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## (Music)

On Tuesday 17th May, at COLNE Municipal Hall, the star of BBC TV's "Face the Music" and renowned musician in his own right **Joseph Cooper**, performs. Billed as "An Evening with Joseph Cooper" the concert promises to be a major attraction, not only for his acknowledged musicianship but also for his warm, friendly personality.

This kind of informal piano recital has a definite uniqueness, and his unbelievable virtuosity has given pleasure and excitement to millions of people, and undoubtedly the Colne performance will be no exception.

On Friday 20th May, at Haworth Art Gallery, ACCRINGTON, a superb vocal recital is to be given by two very attractive young ladies from Burnley, **Janette and Jennifer Sharp**. Accompanied on the piano by Peter Wildeman, they present an evening of opera, operetta and songs. Janette is a fourth year student at the Guildhall, and Jennifer in her second year at the Royal Northern College.

Before going to college, they gave many popular recitals in the Burnley area, notably at the Library and Padiham Parish Church.

The programme will include works by Puccini, Strauss, Mozart, and Rossini (including Boheme and Figaro).

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## (Theatre)mobile



*"Carol Sommers in Fancy Free with John Virtue's set in the background"*

TheatreMobile have recently been extremely busy with two new productions: "Fancy Free" a zany colourful show which has been seen in schools all over the area; and the much acclaimed presentation of Noel Coward's "Private Lives". This toured all over the MPAA area as well as Northern Ireland and Shropshire.

During the forthcoming months Theatre-Mobile will be presenting "Playing the Fool" an original children's show by Teddy Kiendle and Gloria Parkinson touring all over the region. It is a super story for 7-12 year olds, made up of a series of dazzling fantasy sequences about four tramps who have made their home in a junk yard. This unique mixture of professional actors, musicians and puppets has proved overwhelmingly successful. So successful, that TheatreMobile have been invited to present their childrens shows at an international festival of childrens theatre in Braunschweig, West Germany. TheatreMobile are the only English theatre company invited to attend this prestigious event.

Do not forget TheatreMobile will be presenting another Grand Traditional Pantomime this Christmas as well as a full autumn season. Details will be announced soon.

## (Atarah Ben-Tovim)

We are very pleased to announce that Atarah Ben-Tovim will continue for a further year as Music Fellow. Her first concert of the season will be on 1st May when Atarah's Band will open the Pendle Schools Festival at the Colne Municipal Hall. Other Atarah's Band concerts for schools will be held at Burnley and Church in October and Haslingden and Colne in March 1978.

She will be continuing her programme of educating the young (and not so young) with "day schools".

The Bentovim Ensemble return in the Autumn with programmes and day schools. There will be a spring season of concerts and day schools by the Ensemble. In the autumn Atarah will be presenting her unique lunch-time concerts in Burnley, and at a new venue, the Library in Accrington. Sunday evening series at the Thompson Centre, Burnley will continue. Full details will appear in the Autumn Artspack.



## (Jazz)

MPAA continues its close co-operation with Hyndburn Jazz Club in presenting a comprehensive Jazz Programme. On 17th April at the Sporting Club, Great Harwood, **Buddy Tate** and **Jim Calloway** appear with **The Stan Barker Trio**, and at the same venue on Thursday 9th June, **Harry Edison** performs. Tate needs no introduction. Harry Edison is one of the most sought after trumpet players in the U.S.A. He has played on most of Sinatra's recordings at the personal request of Sinatra himself. For 20 years he has been the mainstay of the Count Basie Band, and currently he is busy recording and touring round the world. Finally, at Colne Municipal Hall on Sunday, 26th June, **Benny Carter** appears with the **Bill McGuffie Quartet**.

## (ArtSquad)

The Artsquad will be continuing existing weekly workshops at various centres for the handicapped, working from Mondays to Thursdays with the deaf, blind, physically and mentally handicapped. In addition at least one full days' workshop is planned at a school for emotionally disturbed children.

A children's workshop at Haslingden Library will run from 13th-15th April.

A Family Workshop at Burnley College will be held on 28th/29th May. At Towneley Hall, Burnley on 18th/19th June and 25th/26th, two outdoor painting weekends will be given by John Virtue.

They will be contributing to events at Haslingden Sports Day on 26th June and would also like to hear from any local clubs and societies who would be interested in inviting them to run an Art/Drama workshop for their members.

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## (Other events)

MPAA brings **Interplay** back for a return visit to Hyndburn, the last fortnight in August. They will be providing their amazing Ground to Air inflatables for children, and also giving a series of adult workshops to teach local people how to make these structures (of special interest to teachers and club leaders). Watch press for further details.

**Preston Film Society** have their last three films this season at the Playhouse, membership including admission is £1.00 and all films at 7.30 p.m. (Write: 14 Croftgate, Fulwood, Preston). *La Rupture* (7th April), *The Conversation* (28th April) and *Duel* (5th May).

**Oldham Coliseum** continues their season with *Jane Eyre*, opening 13th April. Details from Box Office, 061-624-2829.

**Blackburn Bach Choir** present two performances: *Bach's St. John Passion* with orchestra 7th May, 7.30 p.m. at the Cathedral; and a mixed programme from Bach to Close Harmony at Giggleswick School, 2nd July, at 7.30 p.m.

**The Friends of Gawthorpe** hold several events at Gawthorpe Hall (details from Mrs. Tallett Nelson 66127). On 29th April, 7.30 p.m. a poetry reading and slides of Old Lakeland given by Irvine Hunt. On 14th May, 7.30 p.m. the Alexander Singers.

Finally, of interest to **Writers**, an anthology of poetry on the theme of Ecology and Conservation is being compiled by Tina Morris, 64 Meadowcroft Avenue, Catterall, Preston. Contributors should send no more than six poems with S.A.E. by June.

## (Exhibitions)

Now that MPAA's new Gallery is fully operational, the summer exhibition programme gets under way.

By far the biggest project is MPAA's Jubilee exhibition. "Against the Odds" celebrates, through hundreds of drawings, the achievements of some of the area's disabled people.

Starting work with John Virtue the well-known Accrington artist now with the Artsquad, many individuals who have not previously regarded themselves as 'artists' have started to record the faces of their friends and neighbours. Their lively and vivid impressions on the theme of the human head reveal hidden talents for candid portraits, where the artist records not only his external view of the sitter, but also his reaction to particular moods. The exhibition will open at the end of May to coincide with the Burnley Jubilee Festival, and runs until 2nd July.

Immediately following this another exhibition will run from 8th July. See press for details.

MPAA also presents "Four Young Photographers" at Nelson and Colne College, 2nd-31st May. These freelance photographers with backgrounds at Trent Polytechnic, Newport College of Art and Somerset College of Arts, are the four winners of the Fylde Arts Photographic Competition 1976. They are Christopher Browning, Paddy Summerfield, Nigel Norrie, and Stephen Wilson, and they present highly personal views of a seaside town in and out of season.

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#### Accrington, Haworth Art Gallery (33782).

May Shanti Dutta, Paintings.  
June Saddleworth Artists.  
July Accrington Camera Club.

#### Blackburn, Art Gallery (55201)

April Blackburn Artists  
and Shanti Dutta, paintings.  
Aug. Third World Photography  
Exhibition.

#### Blackburn, Lewis Textile Museum, (55201)

14th May - 11 June Camera Club.  
18 June - 6 Aug. Ken Billyard,  
Camera Exhibition.  
20 Aug. - 24 Sept. Modern Ceramics  
and Textiles.

#### Preston, Vernon Gallery (0772 59383).

May Doreen Turton, paintings.  
June Lida & Jan Brychta, paintings  
and drawings.

#### Burnley, Towneley Hall (24213).

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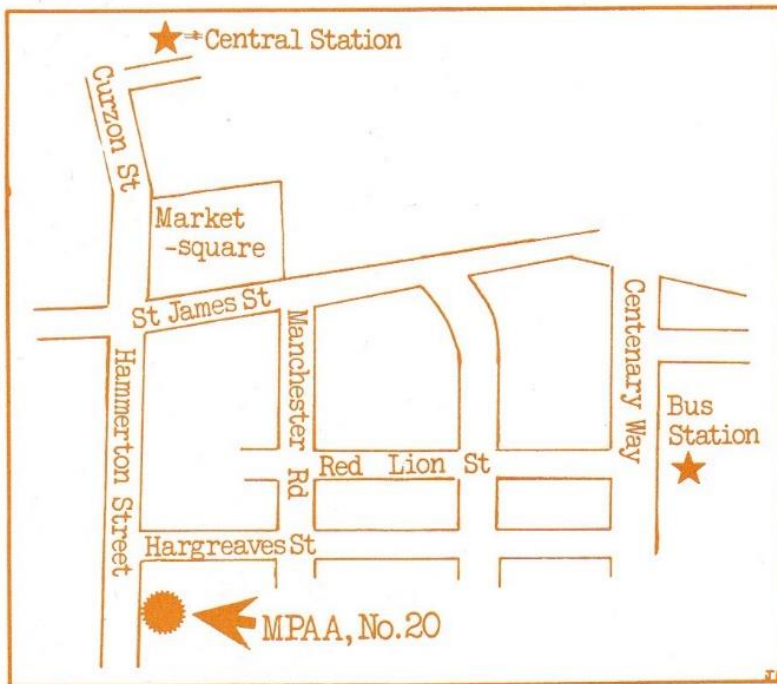
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### Trains:

Burnley Central Station connects, with direct and regular services to Colne, Nelson, Brierfield, Hapton, Huncoat, Accrington, Rishton, Church, Oswaldtwistle

### Buses:

Regular services connect across the area, linking Rawtenstall, Bacup, Whitworth, Haslingden, Todmorden, Barnoldswick, Earby and Great Harwood and surrounding districts with the other towns. Full details from operators (Corporation buses and Ribble).

## Ticket order-form:

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