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PROGRAMME  
APRIL - JUNE 1968



## Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts

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The Association is non-profit making and is registered as a charity. It is affiliated to, and acknowledges financial support from, the North West Arts Association.

The major part of the Association's income for the year 1968/9 is the product of a farthing rate subscribed by twelve local authorities: Accrington, Bacup, Barnoldswick, Barrowford, Brierfield, Burnley, Colne, Nelson, Oswaldtwistle, Padiham, Todmorden and Trawden. We also acknowledge grants from Burnley R.D.C. and Earby U.D.C.

If the programme for the first quarter of the year suggests a certain imbalance of activities in favour of Burnley (due almost entirely to the visit of The Century Theatre), residents in other parts of the Mid-Pennine area may rest assured that this will even itself out over the course of the year. Artists already booked for the present season include the Amadeus Quartet, The Spinners Folk Song, the Falrey Band, The Tel-Aviv String Quartet, Arthur Negus, Opera for All, The C.W.S. (Manchester) Band, a Henry Moore Exhibition and an exhibition of Rembrandt reproductions.

### MAILING LIST

If you wish to receive full details of all these, and other events, make sure that your name is on our mailing list. Just send a postcard giving your name and address - we will do the rest.

### BOOKING

All performances mentioned in this leaflet begin at 7.30 p.m. with the exception of The Century Theatre's Late Night Shows, which will begin at 10.30 p.m. Booking will start two weeks before each event at the main Public Library in the town in which the event is to take place (with the exception of Barnoldswick where tickets will be available through the West Craven Concert Society and the usual agents.) Patrons are also reminded that they may make telephone reservations for any performance by phoning Burnley 29513, provided that tickets thus reserved are paid for at least half an hour before the start of the performance.

### BBC NORTHERN DRIFT

In addition to the items mentioned in this leaflet, the B.B.C. in collaboration with the Association will be producing a Mid-Pennine edition of its award-winning radio programme THE NORTHERN DRIFT (voted best British radio drama programme of 1967 by the Writers' Guild of Great Britain.) The programme will be broadcast at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday 28th April.

## BALLET

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### BALLETS MINERVA

Founded by Edward Gaillard and now entering their fifteenth season, the Ballets Minerva have been the pioneers of touring ballet in the provinces. Since the company was formed in 1954, it has remained the policy to present the best in classical and modern ballet; in order to provide entertainment and pleasure for audiences all over the country. On this occasion, the company will be performing classical excerpts from "Les Sylphides" (Music by Chopin and Choreography by Fokine), together with the dramatic ballet "Manfred", one of the company's most successful creations, danced to the Tchaikowsky symphony and based on Byron's dramatic poem a study of the search of modern man for peace of mind and happiness.

NELSON & COLNE College of Further Education,  
Wednesday 3rd April.

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## RECITAL

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### LEON GOOSSENS "The Oboe Family"

Leon Goossens, the greatest of living oboe players, was born and educated in Liverpool. At the age of sixteen, he was appointed principal oboe of the Queen's Hall Orchestra by Sir Henry Wood. Later, Goossens decided to concentrate entirely on solo work, and it is as a soloist that his true greatness showed itself. His rapid tonguing and fluent finger-work enlarged the technical possibilities of the instrument: he refined the previously broad, harsh tone into the beautiful pure round sound so distinctive of the oboe today. A whole repertoire has been built around this one artist by such composers as Strauss, Hindemith, Gordon Jacob, Vaughan Williams and Britten. In 1949, Leon Goossens received the C.B.E. for his services to music. He comes to the Mid-Pennine area immediately prior to appearing at the Bath Festival.



BURNLEY Central Library, Wednesday 5th June  
TODMORDEN Town Hall, Thursday 6th June  
COLNE Municipal Hall, Friday 7th June  
BARNOLDSWICK Kelbrook Rd Secondary School, Saturday  
8th June

BACUP Mechanics Hall, Monday 10th June  
OSWALDTWISTLE Town Hall, Tuesday 11th June  
NELSON Civic Centre, Wednesday 12th June

## EXHIBITIONS

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### 20th CENTURY DRAWINGS

An Arts Council exhibition of works from the Council's collection of modern British art. Forty-one drawings by thirty-eight of the greatest artists of the century, including John Bratby, Elisabeth Frink, Barbara Hepworth, Augustus John, L.S. Lowry, Henry Moore, Eduardo Paolozzi, Matthew Smith, Stanley Spencer and Graham Sutherland.

PADIHAM Town Hall, 30th March - 13th April

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### BERTOLT BRECHT

An exhibition of photographs, loaned by the East Berlin Ministry of Culture, showing Brecht and his sets for the Berliner Ensemble.

BURNLEY in the Century Theatre, 10th April - 4th May

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### IMAGE OF HISTORY

63 years of British Press Photography, an exhibition by Ilford Limited. The pictures, from Queen Victoria in 1900 to Marilyn Rice-Davies in 1963 via Crippen, Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst and two World Wars, were selected by the Press Committee of the Institute of Incorporated Photographers as outstanding examples of British press photography in the 20th century. The exhibition has been seen in London, Copenhagen, Milan, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, New York, Washington, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

BURNLEY Central Library, 20th April - 4th May

NELSON Weavers' Institute, 11th May - 25th May

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### DAVID WILD: "An exhibition of paintings and drawings, with an evening of non-brow presentation by some local people"

David Wild writes: The paintings have been produced over the last twelve years. Their concern has been the nature of appearance; latterly, appearance has served at best to suggest "being." Without the advantage of the malleability of oil paint, the drawings attempt to deal with the same problem. The evening's entertainment will be to the accompaniment of the paintings, and like them will be styleless. Incompatibility of cultural idiom will form a basis for a respectable programme of music and words exhaled by some local people.

ACCRINGTON Public Library, 25th May - 4th June

(Entertainment 29th May)

BURNLEY Central Library, 8th June - 22nd June

(Entertainment 13th June)

## THEATRE

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The North West Regional Theatre makes a return visit to Burnley with a repertoire of four plays and two late-night entertainments:

**Billy Liar** by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall. This story of a young man's search for an ideal in his mundane life has already been made into a successful film. His greed for all he can hold mirrors attitudes in society around him. The humorous treatment of his successes and failures reminds us to keep a sense of proportion while remaining idealistic in a drab environment.

Wednesday 10th April - Saturday 13th April

**The Birthday Party** The first of Pinter's full-length plays to be professionally produced was received with great critical interest. As time has passed, the disturbing account of one man's inability to adjust to his own situation, or to accept total responsibility for his own actions, has become more widely known and much praised. Pinter's unique skill in creating realism of character and atmosphere through a turn of phrase is here clearly seen.

Monday 15th April - Saturday 20th April

### **A day in the death of Joe Egg**

Peter Nichols's play was first seen in Glasgow and then in London, where it won the Evening Standard Drama Award. It is currently enjoying great success in New York. Various descriptions as "one of the funniest and most touching comedies" and as "a recital", it is undoubtedly an important work. It is not for the emotionally squeamish, but for those who admire the resilience of the human spirit.

Monday 22nd April - Saturday 27th April

**The Tempest** Accounted one of Shakespeare's problem plays, "The Tempest" was much re-written for the wedding celebrations of the Princess Elizabeth in 1613. This may in part account for the mixture of bitterness with frivolity, spectacle and slapstick in an island setting - so relevant to our present situation, where no community, however isolated, can escape its responsibilities toward the world at large.

Monday 29th April - Saturday 4th May

### **Century Gaieties**

The fun, the hilarity, the gaiety of the old time music hall in a Late Night Show.

Saturday 27th April

### **Travelling Late**

Another Late Night Show - a light-hearted look at the life of the strolling players.

Friday 19th April, Saturday 20th April,  
Friday 3rd May and Saturday 4th May

## WEEK BY WEEK

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commencing:

### April 1st:

Exhibition of 20th century drawings. PADIHAM Town Hall, Mon - Sat  
Ballets Minerva. NELSON & COLNE College of Further Education, Wed

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### April 8th:

Century Theatre: "Billy Liar." BURNLEY, Wed - Sat  
Century Theatre: "Century Gaeties." (Late Night), BURNLEY, Sat  
Brecht exhibition. BURNLEY Century Theatre, Wed - Sat  
Exhibition of 20th century drawings. PADIHAM Town Hall, Mon - Sat

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### April 15th:

Century Theatre: "The Birthday Party." BURNLEY, Mon - Sat  
Century Theatre: "Travelling Late." (Late Night), BURNLEY,  
Fri & Sat  
Brecht exhibition. BURNLEY Century Theatre, Mon - Sat

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### April 22nd:

"Image of History" exhibition. BURNLEY Central Library, Mon - Sat  
Century Theatre: "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg." BURNLEY,  
Mon - Sat  
Century Theatre: "Century Gaeties." (Late Night), BURNLEY,  
Fri & Sat  
Brecht exhibition. BURNLEY Century Theatre, Mon - Sat

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### May 13th:

"Image of History" exhibition. NELSON Weavers' Institute, Mon - Sat

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### May 20th:

"Image of History" exhibition. NELSON Weavers' Institute, Mon - Sat

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### May 27th:

David Wild exhibition. ACCRINGTON Public Library, Mon - Sat  
(Entertainment Wed.)

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### June 3rd:

Leon Goossens: "The Oboe Family." BURNLEY (Wed), TODMORDEN  
(Thurs), COLNE (Fri), BARNOLDSWICK (Sat)

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### June 10th:

David Wild exhibition. BURNLEY Central Library, Mon - Sat  
(Entertainment Thurs.)  
Leon Goossens: "The Oboe Family." BACUP (Mon),  
OSWALDTWISTLE (Tue), NELSON (Wed.)

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### June 17th:

David Wild exhibition. BURNLEY Central Library, Mon - Sat