



programme
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# MID-PENNINE association for the arts

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#### **NWAA Transport Subsidy**

Parties of eight or more people, normally resident in the North West region, and travelling by public transport or hired bus or coach to any event organised by the Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts, may claim 50% of the total transport costs provided that the return fare is more than 1/6d per person. Organisers should apply in advance for a Transport Subsidy form to the North West Arts Association, 44 Sackville Street, Manchester 1.

#### Mailing List

If you are not already on our mailing list, please send your name and address to MPAA, Central Library, Burnley. Details of all future activities will then be sent to you as soon as our programmes are published.

#### **Booking**

Admission to all exhibitions is free. Postal booking is now open for all other events mentioned in this leaflet. You are urged to complete the booking form and return it to us, together with your remittance, as soon as possible. Telephone reservations (subject to confirmation with payment within 48 hours) may be made by phoning Burnley 29513. Tickets may also be obtained locally from our usual agents.

# Lecture

#### **ARTHUR NEGUS discussing Antiques**

One of the best known faces, and most popular personalities, of British television—through his regular appearances as resident pundit on BBC/tv's Going for a Song — Arthur Negus has introduced millions of people throughout the country to the fascinating world of antiques, and to the sheer pleasure which can be gained from the artistry and craftsmanship of former generations.

Continuing his tour of the Mid-Pennine area, Arthur Negus will be discussing items of old furniture, porcelain and silver which have been collected together from homes throughout the area. He will not see the pieces in advance, and will have no prior knowledge of what there is to discuss. He will endeavour to give his reasons for deciding whether or not each item is a genuine antique.

TODMORDEN Town Hall
Friday 4 October 7.30pm

NELSON Civic Centre
Saturday 5 October 7.30pm

OSWALDTWISTLE Town Hall
Thursday 10 October 7.30pm

BURNLEY Central Library
Friday 25 October 7.30pm

BARNOLDSWICK County Secondary School
Saturday 26 October 7.30pm

Tickets 5/- (Students and OAPs 3/-)

Arthur Negus



#### **Brass Bands**

Following many requests, the Association is very pleased to announce a series of concerts by the country's top Brass Bands. Since the demand for tickets for these concerts is likely to be very great, we advise you to book early to avoid disappointment. There will more concerts in this series early in the new year.

John Foster & Son Limited BLACK DYKE MILLS BAND

(by kind permission of the Director)

Conductor: Roy Newsome

BURNLEY Casino Club Wednesday 4 December 7.30pm

GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY INSTITUTE BAN Musical Director G. Thompson LGSWABCM

BACUP Empire Theatre Sunday 8 December 7.30pm

CWS (MANCHESTER) BAND Musical Director Alex Mortimer

NELSON College of Further Education Friday 20 December 7.30pm

Tickets 5/- (Students and OAPs 3/-

#### **Theatre**

# OCTAGON THEATRE COMPANY in A TASTE OF HONEY by Shelagh Delaney

A 17 years old Salford girl saw a performance of Terence Rattigan's Variation on a Theme late in the 1950s and thought that if this was drama, she could do better herself. The girl was Shelagh Delaney, and her reaction to Rattigan's work brought forth A Taste of Honey, which quickly became one of Joan Littlewood's most successful productions for Theatre Workshop, transferring to the West End and enjoying a very healthy run there before moving on to Broadway and other theatres all over the world. In 1961, it was turned into a film which starred Rita Tushingham and Dora Bryan. With its basic story of an unmarried pregnant girl, daughter of a prostitute and cared for by an art student with homosexual leanings, A Taste of Honey, which came in the wake of the theatrical revolution started by John Osborne's

#### Theatre continued

Look Back in Anger, contains most of the elements which the old guard of theatre finds distasteful, and which gave rise to the journalistic phrase kitchen sink drama. There can be little doubt that it was intended as a severe indictment of the cosy irrelevance and social irresponsibility of most of the postwar drama. But it is an intensely human, and frequently very funny play: the acting out in dramatic terms of a young girl's fantasies as she emerges into the adult world.

The play is performed by the Company of the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, this country's newest professional repertory company, and already one of its most successful.

You are urged not to miss this opportunity to see a first rate production of one of the classics of modern British theatre.

BURNLEY Westgate Theatre Tuesday 22 October 7.30pm

NELSON College of Further Education Wednesday 23 October 7.30pm

ACCRINGTON New Grammar School Hall Thursday 24 October 7.30pm

BACUP Mechanics' Hall Friday 25 October 7.30pm

COLNE Municipal Hall Saturday 26 October 7.30pm

TODMORDEN Grammar School Hall Wednesday 6 November 7.30pm

PADIHAM Town Hall Thursday 7 November 7.30pm

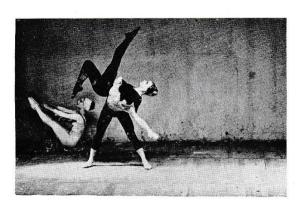
Tickets 7/6 (Students and OAPs 5/-)

#### PLAY COMPETITION

The closing date for the Association's Play Competition is December 1. The competition, announced in September of last year, is for a full-length play set in the Mid-Pennine area. It is open to writers anywhere who have not had a play performed professionally or published. A prize of £100 will be awarded to the best play reaching the required standard by a Selection Panel, which will include the General Manager and the Artistic Director of the Century Theatre. If no play reaches the required standard, a consolation prize will be awarded to the one adjudged best by the Panel.

#### **Ballet**

International Ballet Caravan



#### INTERNATIONAL BALLET CARAVAN

This very exciting young company, formed in Geneva in 1965, tours regularly throughout Europe, and this year alone has performed with great success – and to large audiences – in France, Germany and Switzerland.

The Company, which consists of eight dancers – all of them experienced soloists from other leading ballet companies – was formed with the intention of creating new ballets in a style meaningful in the twentieth century. It attempts to achieve a flexibility and freedom in dance, which demand mastery of classical and modern techniques while going beyond them.

The International Ballet Caravan is directed by Alexander Roy, who began his carreer at the State Opera in East Berlin. Later, he became a soloist and principal dancer with the Opera Comique, before before coming west to join the American Festival Ballet as premier danseur. He then danced with the Kurt Joos Ballet, the Amsterdam Ballet, the Netherlands Dance Theatre and the London Dance Theatre, before founding the International Ballet Caravan. He leads the Company with Christina Gallea and Susan Weldon.

The Company's programme for the Mid-Pennine area will include the premiere of a new ballet choreographed by Alexander Roy. Other ballets will include: Four Interludes (music by Cimarosa); Circuit (music by Bach, text by Shakespeare); La Favorita (music by Donizetti); Orpheus (music by Liszt); Suite for Dancers (music by Weber); Gentleman Caller (based on Tennessee Williams's Glass Menagerie: music by Franck); and Le Manege (music by Gottschalk).

#### **Ballet** continued

COLNE Municipal Hall
Tuesday 19 November 7.30pm
OSWALDTWISTLE Town Hall
Wednesday 20 November 7.30pm
PADIHAM Town Hall
Thursday 21 November 7.30pm
TODMORDEN Hippodrome Theatre
Friday 22 November 7.30pm
BARNOLDSWICK County Secondary School
Saturday 23 November 7.30pm
BACUP Empire Theatre
Monday 25 November 7.30pm
NELSON College of Further Education
Tuesday 26 November 7.30pm

Tickets 7/6d (Students and OAPs 5/-)

#### Drama

#### YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP

On Saturday 28 September, and the nine following Saturday mornings, the Association will run a Youth Drama Workshop under the direction of Linda Blair. The sessions will explore ideas and situations where possible suggested by the young people themselves - through mime, improvisation and music. Anybody can enjoy, and learn from, these sessions: they require no special aptitudes. It must be emphasised that they are intended for pleasure and should not be regarded as leading to any qualifications. The sessions are open to young people aged 12 to 15, and we are unfortunately unable to accept more than 25 for this pilot series, which we hope may be a prelude to the formation of a permanent professional company of actor/teachers, who will work solely with young people both in and out of school.

Registration (at a fee of 5/- for the series) will be at the first session, on a first-come-first-served basis.

NELSON College of Further Education Saturday 28 September 9.30am

# **BOOKING FORM 1**

(Season ticket booking form overleaf)

Event	Date	Town	9/8	Number 7/6	of ticket 6/-	of tickets required 6/- 5/-	ed 3/-	Total £	s	σ
ARTHUR NEGUS			•	•	•			1		ĺ
DUMKA TRIO	Oct 10	Burnley		•	•		•			
TASTE OF HONEY			•		•					
THE SPINNERS			•				•			
AMADEUS QUARTET	Nov 12	Burnley		•	•		•			
INTERNATIONAL BALLET			•		•		•			
BLACK DYKE MILLS BAND	Dec. 4	Burnley	-		•					
GRIMETHORPE COLLIERY BAND	Dec. 8	Bacup	•	•						
CWS (MANCHESTER) BAND	Dec 20	Nelson	•	•	•					
							total:			

NB. BEFORE RETURNING THIS FORM, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED IN YOUR NAME & ADDRESS OVERLEAF



# Please send this booking form, together with your remittance and a stamped addressed envelope, to Central Library, Burnley, Lancashire

Cheque/Postal Order (payable to Mid-Pennine Association for the Arts) enclosed, value

If you are not already on the Association's mailing list, and would like to be, please mark X here

Address (block letters please)....

Name...

Telephone Number (if any)

SEASON MEMBERSHIP (all films): SEASON TICKET B (all four concerts): SEASON TICKET A (Burnley concerts only): LOCAL MEMBERSHIP for ....... Film Society Memberships Chamber Concerts FORM 2 SEASON TICKETS (town): ..at .at 21/-.at 28/ .at 30/

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# Folk Song

# THE SPINNERS – continuing their tour of the Mid-Pennine area

With well over 400 radio and television performances behind them, and regular sell-out concerts at Manchester's Free Trade Hall, there can be no possible doubt that The Spinners are this country's most successful folksong group. They are largely responsible for the resurgence of the folk song as an important voice in the musical life of the country. They write: 'From being regarded (and therefore shunned or ridiculed) as the province of school teachers and country parsons dabbling in the quaint songs of jolly rustics, more and more people have come to realise that Folk spoke a living language of guts, rebellion, historic and contemporary comment, satirical, comic or tragic.' The danger of popularisation is that folk too easily becomes folksy in the hands of the exploiters: it is greatly to the credit of The Spinners that they retain their integrity in the face of a vast popular following, deriving their repertoire from the grass roots throughout the British Isles and the West Indies.

TODMORDEN Town Hall
Tuesday 5 November 7.30pm
COLNE Municipal Hall
Wednesday 6 November 7.30pm
BARNOLDSWICK County Secondary School
Thursday 7 November 7.30pm

Tickets 6/- (no reductions)

The Spinners

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#### **Chamber Concerts**

The Mid-Pennine Association has taken over from the Burnley & District Association for the Arts the annual series of Chamber Concerts held in Burnley Central Library. This year, we are extending the series to include a concert in Accrington; and early in 1969, we shall be grant-aiding an afternoon lecture/recital and evening recital by the Ad Solem Ensemble at the Nelson & Colne College of Further Education.

The series of concerts in Burnley will concentrate particularly on the works of Franz Peter Schubert (1797 – 1828), one of the principal figures in the romantic music of the early nineteenth century.

#### **DUMKA TRIO**

Trio in E flat, Op. 70, No. 2 Trio in C minor, Op. 66 Trio in B flat, Op. 99 Beethoven Mendelssohn Schubert

BURNLEY Central Library Thursday 10 October 7.30pm

#### **AMADEUS QUARTET**

Quartet in B flat, Op. 168 Quartet in C minor (Quartettsatz) Quartet in A minor Schubert Schubert Schubert

BURNLEY Central Library
Tuesday 12 November 7.30pm

#### **TEL-AVIV STRING QUARTET**

Ricercar Quartet in D major, K.575 Quartet in G major, Op. 161 Seter Mozart Schubert

BURNLEY Central Library Tuesday 18 March 1969 7.30pm

#### TEL-AVIV STRING QUARTET

Quartet in G major, K.387 Quartet No. 6 Quartet in F major, Op. 59 No. 1 Mozart Bartok Beethoven

ACCRINGTON Wednesday 26 March 1969 7.30pm

#### **Ticket Prices**

Individual concerts 8/6 (Students & OAPs 5/-) Season Ticket A (Burnley concerts only) £1.1.0d. Season Ticket B (all four concerts) £1.8.0d. No season ticket concession for Students & OAPs.

#### **Exhibitions**

# BERTOLT BRECHT ON THE STAGE OF THE BERLINER ENSEMBLE

This exhibition of photographs, loaned by the East Berlin Ministry of Culture, was first seen in this area during the visit of the Century Theatre to Burnley in April. It shows one of the major figures of twentieth century theatre, together with stills from all of his greatest productions.

TODMORDEN Public Library

Monday 16 September to Saturday 12 October

#### REMBRANDT'S DRAWN PORTRAIT

Sixty reproductions, including many of the subjects from Rembrandt's best known works. A good cross section of his drawings from 1627 to 1660.

BRIERFIELD County Library
Saturday 26 October to Saturday 9 November
BARROWFORD County Library
Monday 11 November to Saturday 23 November

#### **ROYAL SOCIETY OF MARINE ARTISTS**

A selection of oils, watercolours and drawings, direct from the Society's 23rd annual exhibition at the Guildhall, London.

PADIHAM Town Hall Saturday 14 December to Saturday 21 December

# Film Society

#### **WORLD CINEMA SEASON**

For the first time, the Mid-Pennine Association will this year present a full season of some of the greatest films ever made. We hope that this season will be a prelude to the formation of an autonomous Film Society within the Association, and eventually to the foundation of a Regional Film Theatre run in conjuction with the British Film Institute.

Basic information about the season is listed below. Precise details (venues, times, etc) will be sent to all those who apply for membership, or may be obtained from the Public Libraries in the towns concerned.

# Film Society continued

#### October

Burnley Witches of Salem
Todmorden Witches of Salem
Todmorden Battleship Potemkin

#### November

13 Accrington
14 Todmorden
26 Burnley
28 Bacup
29 Barrowford
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Last Year in Marienbad & China
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#### December

5 Todmorden Ashes and Diamonds 10 Nelson Bolshoi Ballet 12 Brierfield Bolshoi Ballet 13 Barrowford Bolshoi Ballet

#### January

7	Nelson	La Traviata
16	Todmorden	Seventh Seal
21	Nelson	Hamlet
22	Accrington	The Grandeur that was Rome
23	Bacup	The Grandeur that was Rome
24	Barrowford	The Grandeur that was Rome
28	Burnley	Throne of Blood
30	Bacup	The Glory that was Greece

#### **February**

4	Nelson	La Kermesse Heroigu
6	Todmorden	Moment of Truth
18	Burnley	Seven Samurai
26	Accrington	Dead of Night
27	Todmorden	Dead of Night

#### **Tickets**

Season membership (all films) £1.10.0d. Local memberships (valid only in towns mentioned):

Burnley & Brierfield (combined) 12/6

Todmorden 18/Accrington 8/6
Bacup 8/6
Barrowford 8/6
Nelson\* 10/-

Guest tickets (per show) 3/-

Schools, and others interested in party bookings, are asked to contact the Association regarding prices.

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#### Advertisements

# FOUR WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MID-PENNINE ASSOCIATION

Be a regular patron of the events we organise, and tell your friends about them.

Encourage your society, professional club, institute, guild, Union, Rotary Club, Round Table, WEA, social club, etc to join the Association. Membership — which gives a voice and a vote in the policy-making of the Association — is open to all voluntary organisations at an annual subscription of one guinea.

Become an Associate Member yourself. This also costs a guinea a year and is open to any individual who wishes to support the aims of the Association.

Join the Friends of the Mid-Pennine Club. This doesn't cost you anything except time. If you would like to help us with ticket-selling, distributing publicity, erecting and dismantling exhibitions, invigilating exhibitions, ushering at performances, serving tea in intervals or offering hospitality to visiting artists, then please join this voluntary corps. We should also like to hear from people who can occasionally offer specialist help, eg. electricians.

#### MPAA CENTRAL LIBRARY BURNLEY

Nelson & Colne College of Further Education Scotland Road, Nelson

# HALLE CONCERT CLUB and PENDLE THEATRE CLUB

arrange frequent visits to Free Trade Hall Octagon Theatre Opera House etc. open to all

#### WEEK-END AT REEDYFORD

a varied programme of sports social and cultural events

Details from:

Department of Liberal Education (Nelson 62461)