

P921 Wick Players

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number:	GB1741/P921
Alternative reference number:	
Title:	Wick Players
Dates of creation:	1957-2022
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	2 boxes
Format:	Paper, Photographs

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Wick Players

Administrative history: Wick Players was formed in 1932, following a meeting called by new County Librarian Kennedy Stewart. The first show was performed in December of that year in the Breadalbane Hall.

The players joined the SCDA (Scottish Community Drama Association) in order to compete with other amateur dramatics groups around Scotland.

Pantomimes were introduced in 1951 and proved very popular with audiences.

The 1950s saw community drama at its peak, and membership in Wick Players increased significantly. By the early 1960s the effects of television was felt and enthusiasm waned, but younger members started to take on more responsibility and membership was slowly rebuilt.

Throughout the 1970s the Players alternated a play and a pantomime each year, with costumes, scenery and lighting increasingly sophisticated. In 1980 the Players performed the Iain Sutherland play 'By the Cran', a play portraying the rise and fall of the fishing industry in Wick. It was an outstanding success.

In 1998, Wick Players won both the Scottish and British Finals of One Act Plays with their performance of 'Lone

Star', directed by Donald Farmer.

In 2001 they repeated their success, winning both finals again with 'A Bench at the Edge'.

Wick Players will celebrate their 90th anniversary in 2023.

Custodial history: Deposited by the Secretary.

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Administration records, programmes and photographs of Wick Players.

Appraisal:

Accruals: Expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions: Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: June 2022

Ref.	Description	Dates
P921	Wick Players	1937-2022
P921/1	Administrative Records	1992-2002
P921/1/1	Minutes	1992-2001
P921/1/1/1	Minutes of the Scottish Community Drama Association: Highland Division. (1 bundle)	21 Mar 1992-31 Mar 2001

P921/1/1/2	Minutes of the Scottish Community Drama Association. (1 bundle)	17 Sep 1994-24 Nov 2001
P921/1/1/3	Minutes of the Scottish Community Drama Association Scene Committee. (1 bundle)	22 Apr 1995-9 Nov 2001
P921/1/1/4	Minutes of the Scottish Community Drama Association Play Writing Committee. (1 bundle)	2 Nov 1996-23 Nov 2001
P921/1/1/5	SCDA Advisory Committee Minutes and information. (5 items)	2000-2001
P921/1/2	Various	1952-2002
P921/1/2/1	A Report to the Committee of Wick Players concerning the Scottish Finals held in Inverness on April 17 th - 19 th , 1952. (1 item)	1952
P921/1/2/2	Various minutes, correspondence, memorabilia and press articles pertaining to the Scottish Community Drama Association's One Act Play Festival: Scottish Finals, held in the Assembly Rooms, Wick in April 1992. (1 bundle)	1992
P921/1/2/3	Various correspondence and papers pertaining to the organisation of Scottish Community Drama Association Finals. (1 bundle)	1993-2002
P921/1/2/4	Papers pertaining to Wick Players' performance of the play 'Deirdre' at the SCDA Highland Division Final in Tain. (2 items)	Apr 1995
P921/1/2/5	Papers pertaining to Wick Players' performance of 'Losers' at the SCDA Scottish Final in Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. (1 bundle)	Apr 2002
P921/1/2/6	Floppy Disc entitled 'Wick Players Full Length Productions; One Act Productions; Loan Policy' (1 item)	n.d.
P921/2	Programmes	1956-2022
P921/2/1	Wick Players Programmes	1956-2019
P921/2/1/1	Wick Players' pantomime programmes. (1 bundle)	1956-2015
P921/2/1/2	Programmes for Iain Sutherland plays 'The Silver Sprig' and 'By the Cran' performed by Wick Players. (3 items)	1980-1989
P921/2/1/3	Souvenir programmes for Wick Players anniversary and celebration events. (1 bundle)	1983-2019

P921/2/1/4	Various programmes for plays performed by Wick Players. (1 bundle)	1986-2010
P921/2/1/5	Programmes for performances by Wick Players during Wick Gala Week. (1 bundle)	2003-2008
P921/2/2	Various Programmes	1991-2022
P921/2/2/1	Scottish Community Drama Association Scottish Finals programmes. (1 bundle)	1991-2022
P921/2/2/2	Scottish Community Drama Association (Caithness District) National Festival of One Act Plays programmes. (1 bundle)	1993-2022
P921/2/2/3	Scottish Community Drama Association Highland Division Final programme. (1 bundle)	1995-2022
P921/2/2/4	Scottish Community Drama Association Highland Youth Festival of One Act Plays programmes. (1 bundle)	1995-2006
P921/2/2/5	British Final Festival of One Act Plays programmes. (5 items)	1998-2005
P921/2/2/6	Programme for Scottish Community Drama Association 'Play on Words' National Playwriting Competition. (1 item)	Nov 2000
P921/2/2/7	Programme for Wick High Drama Club's production of 'The Tree Machine' and 'We Shall Never Die'. (1 item)	23 Mar 2006
P921/3	Photographs	1937- 998
P921/3/1	Black and white postcards of the Herring Queen, Wick. (4 items)	1937-1938
P921/3/2	Black and white photograph of a performance of 'Lady from Edinburgh' taken by John Adams. (1 item)	1948
P921/3/3	Black and white photograph of a performance taken by John Adams. Inscription on the back reads 'D. Sutherland, Laburnum Grove 1948, Bob Finlayson, Alex Boyd, George Bain, Jim Mitchell, Jack Calcott, David Sutherland, Marley Robertson, Nan Graham.' (1 item)	1948
P921/3/4	Black and white photograph of the cast of 'Happy Hypocrite'. Inscription on the back reads 'P.C. Weir, Festival Winner 1956, Happy Hypocrite, Prod K. More, Wick Players 1956 'Happy Hypocrite', Back Row (L-R) James Murray, Jimmy Morrison, George Dunnet, Wilfred Weir, Ian Mackenzie, Front Row Nan	1956

	Graham, Greta Riley, Mgt Robertson, Kathlyn More (Harper). (1 item)	
P921/3/5	Colour photographs of a Wick Players' performance of [Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs]. (2 items)	1957
P921/3/6	Colour photograph of trophy presentation. Inscription on the back reads '1998 April Scottish Finals, Whitehall Theatre, Dundee. Adjudicator: Billy Burns, Larne, N. Ireland. Play 'Lone Star'. Trophy: The Wheatley Tassie. (1 item)	1998
P921/3/7	Colour photograph of group from Wick Players with trophy. (1 item)	n.d.
P921/3/8	Colour photograph of a Wick Player's performance featuring Marney Bruce, Roderick McBoyle, Drew MacLeod and Grant Mackenzie. (1 item)	n.d.
P921/4	Various	1957-2016
P921/4/1	Caithness notebook volume No.2 'This was my Glen' by Donald Mackay (1 volume)	1957
P921/4/2	Magazine of The Edinburgh John o' Groat Literary Society. (2 volumes)	1961-1963
P921/4/3	'Div ye mind? A Miscellany by Caithness Writers for Folks at Home and Abroad' (1 volume)	1965
P921/4/4	Invitation to Wick Players to attend a Civic reception in Kilmarnock to mark the Scottish Finals of the SCDA One Act Play Festival. (1 item)	27 Apr 1991
P921/4/5	Various tickets for Wick Players performances and SCDA Finals. (4 items)	c.2000
P921/4/6	Order of Service and Obituary for Ros Lane, actress and drama advisor to the Scottish Community Drama Association. (2 items)	May 2005
P921/4/7	Programme for 62 nd Caithness Music Festival. (1 item)	Jun 2016