

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera

Theatre, London index

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Introduction

Much theatre material is available online. 18th century playbills and programmes are on [Digital Bodleian](#), 19th century playbills and programmes are on the [ProQuest](#) site

All catalogue records (mostly without images) are available through our [online catalogue](#). Pre-1960 20th century programmes in the original John Johnson Collection are catalogued to London Q only. None are digitised

There is an additional sequence of post-1960 theatre programmes, arranged by theatre and by title within theatre. These are neither catalogued or digitised.

NB for the original material, variant names of theatres were rationalised in accordance with London Theatre and Music Halls 1850-1950 by Diana Howard (London, Library Association, 1970). The name of venue as given on the playbill/programme is transcribed in the unindexed form of the allegro but normalised in the indexed form.

London Theatres

The following is an index to the boxes. The index to the folders (outsize material) follows, and has not been cross-referenced to the boxes. Venues can be searched on ProQuest and the Johnson online catalogue

Adelphi

London Playbills Adelphi 1 1814-1899

London Playbills Adelphi 2 1901-1955

See also Posters

See also Post-1960 theatre A

Albert Hall

London Playbills Albert Hall 1 1873-1953

Aldwych

London Playbills Aldwych 1 1905-1958

See also Posters

See also Post-1960 theatre A

Alhambra

London Playbills Alhambra 1 1855-1894

London Playbills Alhambra 2 1894-1916
London Playbills Alhambra 3 1916-1932
London Playbills Alhambra 4 1916-1934, misc.
See also Posters

Ambassadors

London Playbills Ambassadors 1 1913-1939
See also Post-1960 theatre A

Apollo to Astleys

London Playbills Apollo - Astleys 1 Apollo 1901-1962, Astleys misc.

Apollo *See also*
Posters
Post-1960 theatre A

Astleys *See also*
Posters

Aquarium

Aquarium programmes: 17 volumes
See also Posters under Imperial

Arts Laboratory to Collegiate

London Playbills Arts Laboratory - Collegiate 1 Arts Theatre Club, Avenue, Birkbeck,
Broadway, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlton, Prince Edward, Chelsea Palace, City of London

Camden, Canterbury Music Hall *See also* Posters
Cambridge, Camden *See also* Post-1960 theatre C

Coliseum (under London Coliseum)

London Playbills London Coliseum 1 1905-1958

Comedy to Coronet

London Playbills Comedy - Coronet Comedy 1904-1958, Coronet 1899-1914

London Playbills Comedy 1 1881-1904

Comedy *See also* Posters, *See also* Post-1960 theatre C
Coronet *See also* Post-1960 theatre C

Covent Garden

London Playbills Covent Garden 1 1736-1813

London Playbills Covent Garden 2 01/01/1814 - 30/01/1836

London Playbills Covent Garden 3 26/12/1855 - 23/05/1911

London Playbills Covent Garden 3* 05/06/1911 - 01/11/1914

London Playbills Covent Garden 4 05/11/1914 - 09/03/1953

London Playbills Covent Garden 5 02/05/1953 - 17/12/1960 + undated

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1811-1812

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1813 - 1814

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1814-1815

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1815 - 1816

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1817-1818

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1818 - 1819

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1819-1820

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1820-1821

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1825-1826

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1826-1827

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1827 - 1828

London Playbills Covent Garden vol. 1831 – 1832

See also Posters

Criterion

London Playbills Criterion 1 27/04/1874 - 14/09/1901

London Playbills Criterion 2 20/01/1902 - 18/08/1960, plus misc. undated

See also Posters

See also Post-1960 theatre C

Crystal Palace to Dalys

London Playbills Crystal Palace & Daly's Theatre Crystal Palace 22/06/1859 - 30/01/1922
plus misc undated, Daly's Theatre 21/09/1893 - 15/03/1908

Crystal Palace, D'Oyly Carte, Dalys *See also* Posters

Curtain to Dorset

London Playbills Curtain - Dorset Gardens Daly's Theatre 15/06/1908 - 06/09/1937.

Dominion Theatre 24/12/1930 - 21/02/1931. Dorset Gardens Theatre 1/07/1814 - 13/05/1825

Drury Lane

London Playbills Drury Lane 1	31/01/1780 - 31/01/1873, plus Historical papers 1790 - 1840, plus misc. undated
London Playbills Drury Lane 2	01/03/1873 - 17/04/1896
London Playbills Drury Lane 3	23/02/1893 - 25/11/1905
London Playbills Drury Lane 4	26/12/1905 - 12/09/1910
London Playbills Drury Lane 5	26/12/1910 - 02/05/1916
London Playbills Drury Lane 6	09/05/1916 - 24/12/1934
London Playbills Drury Lane 7	28/05/1935 - 18/07/1964

London Playbills Drury Lane vol. 1824 - 1825
 London Playbills Drury Lane vol. 1832 – 1833

See also Posters

Duchess to Duke of Yorks

London Playbills Duchess, Duke's, Duke of York's 1	Duchess 06/12/1929 - 05/09/1960, Duke's 1868 - 1879, Duke of York's 1892 - 1904
London Playbills Duke of York's 2	20/01/1904 - 03/09/1914
London Playbills Duke of York's 3	23/12/1916 - 23/05/1931, 1932 – 1964

Duchess *See also* Post-1960 theatre D
 Duke of Yorks *See also* Posters. *See also* Post-1960 theatre D

(Egyptian Hall *See also* Posters)

Elephant & Castle to Empire

London Playbills Elephant & Castle - Empire 1	Elephant & Castle 13/03/1886 & 26/12/1927(?), Embassy 13/09/1928 - 27/08/1945, Empire 14/04/1884-02/11/1910
London Playbills Empire 2	16/03/1911 - 22/05/1916
London Playbills Empire 3	19/06/1920 - 29/08/1930

Empire *See also* Posters. *See also* Post-1960 theatre E

Empress to Fortune

London Playbills Empress - Fortune Empress May 1899 & 22/03/1956, Evan's Song & Supper Club misc, Everyman 15/09/1920 - 18/12/1939 plus undated, Faculty of Arts 01/11/1925, Folly 07/02/1880 & 19/03/1881, Fortune 28/12/1925 - 30/07/1958

Fortune *See also* Post-1960 theatre F
 Fulham *See* Posters

Gaiety

London Playbills Gaiety 1	21/12/1868 - 11/07/1881
London Playbills Gaiety 2	25/07/1881 - 22/06/1903 plus undated illustrations
London Playbills Gaiety 3	26/10/1903 - 26/09/1939

See also Posters

Garrick

London Playbills Garrick 1	15/05/1889 - 19/07/1904
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London Playbills Garrick 2 - Gate Theatre Studio Garrick 27/08/1904 - 11/02/1906, Gate 30/10/1925 - 12/06/1942

See also Posters. *See also* Post-1960 theatre G

Globe

London Playbills Globe 1 Globe - Newcastle St. 16/01/1869 - 04/03/1902

London Playbills Globe 2 Globe - Shaftsbury Ave. 22/06/1907 - 15/12/1960

See also Posters. *See also* Post-1960 theatre G

Goodman's Fields to Hampstead

London Playbills Goodman's' Fields - Hampstead Goodman's Fields 26/09/1734 - 19/10/1741, Grafton 30/05/1930 - 19/11/1930, Grand 12/1898 - 11/06/1907, Grecian 29/10/1877 - 24/12/1882, Greenwich 30/09/1889

Grecian Saloon *See also* Posters

Haymarket

London Playbills Haymarket 1 29/05/1736 - 20/07/1885, Illustrations undated - 1846, Newscuttings undated, Letters 27/12/1752

London Playbills Haymarket 2 29/09/1885 - 02/03/1901[Orig JJ Coll]

London Playbills Haymarket 2* Bound volumes of Playbills 15/06/1829 - 15/10/1830.

Unavailable to view due to fragile nature; *See* John Johnson/JISC digitised collection

London Playbills Haymarket 3 25/05/1901 - 20/11/1914

London Playbills Haymarket 4 19/03/1915 - 12/05/1960

See also Posters

Her Majesty's/His Majesty's

London Playbills Her Majesty's 1 13/12/1768 - 04/03/1899

London Playbills Her Majesty's 2 20/04/1899 - 13/12/1901

London Playbills Her Majesty's 3 09/01/1902 - 13/04/1905

London Playbills Her Majesty's 4 24/04/1905 - 04/06/1907

London Playbills Her Majesty's 5 02/07/1907 - 26/02/1913

London Playbills Her Majesty's 6 01/05/1913 - 16/04/1928

London Playbills Her Majesty's 7 04/12/1928 - 11/01/1961 plus misc

See also Posters

Hippodrome (under London Hippodrome)

London Playbills London Hippodrome 12/02/1900 - 11/1919

London Playbills London Hippodrome 2 16/06/1920 - 03/04/1954

See also Posters

Holborn

London Playbills Holborn Holborn Empire 01/06/1887 - 07/12/1930. Holborn Theatre 13/10/1866 - 1880, Imperial 27/11/1877 - 16/03/1907

Irving to Lindsey

London Playbills Irving - Lindsey Islington Empire 04/10/1873 - 29/08/1898, Kennington, King's Cross Theatre, Kingsway, King George's Hall, King's Hall, King's Theatre, Lincoln Inn's Field

Kingsway

London Playbills Kingsway 12/04/1884 - 01/06/1936

See also Posters

Little

London Playbills Little 11/10/1910 - 19/06/1934

Lyceum

London Playbills Lyceum 1 11/08/1806 - 1/11/1884

London Playbills Lyceum 2 22/11/1882 - 05/01/1892

London Playbills Lyceum 2* 05/01/1892 - 03/06/1893

London Playbills Lyceum 3 10/06/1893 - 22/12/1900

London Playbills Lyceum 4 12/12/1901 - 01/01/1925

London Playbills Lyceum 5 09/1925 - 01/06/1942, plus misc

London Playbills Lyceum 6 Misc. undated

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 1 Sept 20, 1879 - Dec 31, 1879

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 2 Jan 1, 1880 - July 31, 1880

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 3 Sept 18, 1880 - Feb 28, 1881

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 4 Feb 22, 1881 - July 3, 1881

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 5 Dec 26, 1881 - July 27, 1882

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 6 Sept 2, 1882 - Dec 30, 1882

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 7 Jan 1, 1883 - July 28, 1883

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 8 May 31, 1884 - Aug 28, 1884

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 9 Sept 6, 1884 - April 25 - 1885

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 10 May 2, 1885 - July 30, 1885

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 11 Sept 5, 1885 - March 31, 1886

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 12 April 1, 1886 - July 31, 1886

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 13 Sept 11, 1886 - Feb 22, 1887

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 14 Feb 24, 1887 - July 16, 1887

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 15 Sept 10, 1887 - April 7, 1888

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 16 April 14, 1888 - July 7, 1888

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 17 July 9, 1888 - Dec 1, 1888

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 18 Dec 29, 1888 - June 29, 1889

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 19 July 5 - Aug 3, 1889

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 20 Sept 30, 1889 - May 31, 1890

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 21 June 10, 1890 - Aug 16, 1890

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 22 Jan 5, 1892 - July 30, 1892

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 23 Sept 24, 1892 - July 22, 1893

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 24 Dec 26, 1893 - July 23, 1894

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 25 Dec 26, 1894 - July 27, 1895

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 26 Sept 1895 - July 25, 1896

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 27 Sept 22, 1896 - July 23, 1897

Lyceum Theatre Programmes vol. 28 Jan 1, 1898 - July 19, 1898

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See also Posters

Lyric

London Playbills Lyric 1 Shaftsbury Ave. 13/12/1888 - 11/09/1919
London Playbills Lyric 2 Shaftsbury/Hammersmith. Shaftsbury 09/06/1920 -
19/02/1961 plus undated, Hammersmith 19/02/1919 - 02/10/1958 plus undated, plus Lyric
Ealing 15/04/1896

See also Posters

Marylebone to Mile End Empire

London Playbills Marylebone - Mile End Empire Marylebone undated, Mercury
22/06/1938 - 07/12/1938, Metropolitan 01/11/1887 - 26/03/1830, Mile End 17/05/1886 &
1879

Marlborough, Marylebone *See also* Posters

National/Old Vic

London Playbills (National) Old Vic New Theatre (Old Vic) 21/08/1841- 06/02/1961[Orig JJ
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New Theatre

London Playbills New 1 New Theatre. 20/04/1903 - 08/04/1918
London Playbills New Theatre 2 08/05/1918 - 03/04/1935

See also Posters

Olympia to Oxford

London Playbills Olympia - Oxford Olympia 18/02/1894 - 28/12/1953, Opera Comique
24/02/1873 - 22/12/1898 plus undated, Oxford 09/02/1894 - 25/10/1925 plus undated

Olympic

London Playbills Olympic 1807 - 22/12/1896

See also Posters

Palace

London Playbills Palace 1 04/05/1891 - 23/12/1929
London Playbills Palace 2 19/05/1930 - 08/02/1960 plus undated

See also Posters

Palladium

London Playbills Palladium 02/09/1912 - 23/12/1959 plus undated

See also Posters

Park to Phoenix

London Playbills Park - Phoenix Park 02/11/1874, Pavilion 16/10/1858 and 31/07/1891, Phoenix 15/03/1931 - 26/09/1957 plus undated, Piccadilly 21/12/1929 - 12/12/1957

Piccadilly Hall *See also* Posters

Pavilion (under London Pavilion)

London Playbills London Pavilion 19/05/1879 - 10/07/1930

See also Posters

Playhouse

London Playbills Playhouse 05/05/1883 - 11/02/1946

See also Posters

Prince of Wales'

London Playbills Prince of Wales' 1 18/01/1884 - 09/11/1899

London Playbills Prince of Wales' 2 02/01/1900 - 28/08/1919

London Playbills Prince of Wales' 3 Prince of Wales' 24/09/1920 - 05/10/1947, Prince's Hall 09/02/1887, Prince Edward 1926 - 1927

See also Posters

Princes

London Playbills Prince's Theatre 10/05/1912 - 14/03/1960

See also Posters

Princess'

London Playbills Princess' 23/01/1860 - 23/12/1901 plus undated

See also Posters

Queens

London Playbills Queen's 1 26/10/1867 - 10/05/1920

London Playbills Queen's Theatre 2 25/01/1921 - 25/08/1959

See also Posters

Regents to Round House

London Playbills Regent - Round House Regent's 23/12/1905 - 08/11/1929, Open Air
Theatre 20/08/1933 - 1955 plus undated

Romford Theatre of Varieties *See* Posters

Royal Court

London Playbills Royal Court 1 c.1871 - 13/10/1897
London Playbills Royal Court 2 20/01/1898 - 01/01/1906
London Playbills Royal Court 3 12/03/1906 - 14/05/1959

See also Posters

Royalty

London Playbills Royalty 10/04/1862 - 16/03/1896 plus undated
London Playbills Royalty 2 16/04/1896 - 15/06/1936

See also Posters

Sadler's Wells

London Playbills Sadler's Wells - Shaftesbury Sadler's Wells 1817 - 1880, Shaftesbury
08/1889 - 1898/9, St. James' Hall 27/06/1859 - 26/05/1898
London Playbills Sadler's Wells 1 1753 - 1817 illustrations, 07/1925 - 23/12/1960

See also Posters

Savoy

London Playbills Savoy 1895 - 1960

See also Posters

Scala

London Playbills Scala 15/04/1865 - 21/12/1956

See also Posters

Shaftesbury (*See also* Sadler's Wells – Shaftesbury)

London Playbills Shaftsbury 10/1889 - 11/1937
See also Posters

Shoreditch Olympia

London Playbills Shoreditch Olympia 1869 – 1896

See also Posters

St. George's Hall

London Playbills St. George's Hall 1868 - 25/04/1924

See also Posters

St. James's

London Playbills St. James' 1	13/01/1844 - 26/04/1899
London Playbills St. James' 2	26/04/1899 - 30/11/1903
London Playbills St. James' 3	01/12/1903 - 24/05/1909
London Playbills St. James' 4	05/06/1909 - 06/1955

See also Posters

St. Martins to Shaw

London Playbills St. Martin's - The Shaw 15/09/1917 - 30/07/1959, Sans Souci?, Saville
23/10/1933 - 27/12/1960

St Martins *See also* Posters

Strand to Surrey

London Playbills Strand - Surrey Strand 05/1905 - 1959, Stoll 07/1915 - 1958, Studio
1927, Surrey Music Hall 1856 - 1861
London Playbills Strand 1 Playbills 1 - 90 (undated)
London Playbills Strand 2 1889 - 1903

Strand *See also* Posters

Streatham Hill

London Playbills Streatham Hill 1 1929 - 1936
London Playbills Streatham Hill 2 1936 contd. 0 1940, 1943, n.d.?

Surry to Tivoli

London Playbills Surrey - Tivoli Surrey Theatre 1782 - 1906, Terry's 10/1887 - 07/1898,
Surrey to Tivoli Playbills nos. 99 - 132, Tivoli Music Hall 1894 - 1933

Terry's *See also* Posters

Toole to Unity

London Playbills Toole - Unity Toole's 1872 - 02/1895, Twentieth Century Theatre
1868 - 1935, Unity undated

Vaudeville

London Playbills Vaudeville 10/1882 - 10/1889 plus undated
London Playbills Vaudeville 2 02/1890 - 1959

See also Posters

Victoria Palace to Winter Garden

London Playbills Victoria Palace - Winter Garden Victoria Palace 1904 - 1959, West
London 1900, Westminster 04/1934 - 03/1960, Windmill 02/1934 - 02/1936,
Whitehall 11/0936 - 08/1954, Winter Garden 1920 - 1956

Whitehall *See also* Posters

Wyndhams

London Playbills Wyndhams	1900 - 1912
London Playbills Wyndhams 2	1912 - 08/1959

London Dramatic Societies (not indexed)

Playbills: London folders

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Covent Garden : Theatre Royal

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Drury Lane: Theatre Royal (to 1816)

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