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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference:	MS841
Title:	Union of Graduates in Music
Dates:	1893-1972
Level:	fonds
Extent and Medium:	271 items
Name of Creator:	Union of Graduates in Music

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Founded in 1892, the Union of Graduates in Music aimed to oppose the granting of spurious music degrees by universities which were not bona-fide. Its presidents included Sir Frederick Bridge (1844-1924), Sir Charles Parry (1848-1918), Sir Charles Stanford (1852-1924), Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) and Sir Donald Tovey (1875-1940). The Union was dissolved in 1972.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Records of the Union of Graduates in Music including: minute books; copies of the annual report; correspondence relating to Edward Elgar's presidency of the Union, the honorary membership of Princess Elizabeth and various institutions; miscellaneous papers, including a printed copy of the constitution of the Union and a printed history of the Union written in 1972.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English

Conditions of Access: Open for research. Access to individual items in Senate House Library archives collections may be restricted under the Data Protection Act or the Freedom of Information Act. See Archivist for details. 24 hours notice is necessary for research visits.

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| MS841/1 Minutes | 1893-1903 |
| Includes minutes of Council, annual general meetings. Several items have been pasted into this minute book: newspaper cuttings - mainly from the Musical News, copies of the Union's annual reports, correspondence and printed ephemera. | |
| 1 volume | |
| Open, subject to the conditions outlined at fonds level | |
| MS841/2 Minutes | 1903-1917 |
| Includes minutes of Council, press-cuttings from Musical News, annual reports | |
| 1 volume | |
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| MS841/3 Minutes | 1917-1945 |
| Includes minutes of Council, printed reports of annual general meetings | |
| 1 volume | |
| MS841/4 Minutes | 1946-1956 |
| Includes minutes of Council, annual reports | |
| 1 volume | |
| MS841/5 Minutes | 1957-1972 |
| Includes minutes of Council, annual reports | |
| 1 volume | |
| MS841/6 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music | 1948-1949 |

1 booklet

MS841/7 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1950

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MS841/8 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1951

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MS841/9 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1952

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MS841/10 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1955-1956

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MS841/11 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1957

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MS841/12 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1958

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MS841/13 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1959

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MS841/14 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1960

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MS841/15 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1961-1962

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MS841/16 Roll of the Union of Graduates in Music 1963

1 booklet

MS841/17 Correspondence from Sir Edward Elgar to Charles Long, Honorary Secretary 1930-1933

The correspondence concerns Sir Edward's election as president of the Union and the meetings of the Council of the Union.

16 items

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MS841/18 Correspondence concerning Princess Elizabeth being made an honorary member of the Union 1946 July-October

7 items

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MS841/19 Correspondence, press cuttings and prospectus concerning the 'International Academy' in The Hague 1949-1950

56 items

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MS841/20 Correspondence concerning individual associated with the Silvertown (London) Baptist Church, and his claimed honorary doctorate in music from the University of Hamburg 1951-1952

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MS841/21 Correspondence concerning the organist of the Bournemouth Methodist Church and his claim to have a doctorate in music from the University of Leipzig 1951-1952

Includes letters from Egon Wellesz, the Bournemouth Academy of Music, and the secretary of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

58 items

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MS841/22 Correspondence concerning degrees awarded by the 'Western Orthodox University' 1952-1953

24 items

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MS841/23 Correspondence concerning the degrees awarded by the 'Phoenix University, Bari' 1957-1960

56 items

MS841/24 Correspondence, papers and newspaper cutting concerning degrees awarded by the Phoenix University, Bari', the St Andrews Correspondence College of Tottenham, the Guild of Church Musicians and the 'St Andrew's Ecumenical Church Foundation Intercollegiate' 1935-1960

21 items

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MS841/25 Miscellaneous papers including a printed copy of the Constitution of the Union and a printed history of the Union written in 1972 1947-1972

8 items

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