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George Percy Grainger (8 July 1882 – 20 February 1961) was an Australian-born composer, arranger and pianist. In the course of a long and innovative career he played a prominent role in the revival of interest in British folk music in the early years of the 20th century. He also made many adaptations of other composers' works. Although much of his work was experimental and unusual, the piece with which he is most generally associated is his piano arrangement of the folk-dance tune *Country Gardens*. In October 1911 he took the professional name of Percy Aldridge Grainger, Aldridge being his mother's family name.

### CONTENT

Printed materials in the PROMPT collection include programs and printed ephemera such as brochures, leaflets, tickets, etc. Theatre programs are taken as the prime documentary evidence of a performance.

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### ACCESS

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## AUSTRALIAN CAREER

See also [Digitised Australian newspaper coverage of Percy Grainger \(including news of international performance dates, reviews etc\)](#).

- [1903] (Melbourne)  
**Ada Crossley Concerts**  
Percy Grainger duet and piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- [1903] Saturday 10 October; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
**Ada Crossley Concerts Fourth Concert**  
Percy Grainger duet and piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- 1903 24 September; (Sydney)  
**Ada Crossley Concerts First Concert** Percy Grainger piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- 1903 Saturday 10 October; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
**Ada Crossley Concerts Fourth Concert** Percy Grainger piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- 1903 Thursday 17 December; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
**Melbourne's farewell to Miss Ada Crossley First Concert** Percy Grainger piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- 1908 Saturday 10 October; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
**Ada Crossley Australasian Tour 1908-1909 Fifth Concert**  
Percy Grainger piano solo  
Program. (filed under Crossley, Ada in Prompt)
- 1926 10 June; Auditorium (Melbourne)  
**Percy Grainger Concerts Third Concert**  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 Undated; Perth  
Tour of Australia and New Zealand, 1926  
**Percy Grainger Season Fourth Concert**  
Souvenir program.


- 1926 17 June; Auditorium (Melbourne)  
***Percy Grainger Concerts Sixth Concert***  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 22 June; Auditorium (Melbourne)  
***Percy Grainger Season Eighth Concert***  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 26 June; Town Hall (Sydney)  
*Percy Grainger Season Second Concert*  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 10 July; Town Hall (Adelaide)  
***Percy Grainger Season First Concert***  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 15 July; Town Hall (Adelaide)  
***Percy Grainger Season Third Concert***  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 21 July; Town Hall (Adelaide)  
***Percy Grainger Season Fifth Concert***  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 16 September; Exhibition (Adelaide)  
*Percy Grainger First Orchestral and Choral Concert*  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 18 September; Exhibition (Adelaide)  
*Percy Grainger Second Orchestral and Choral Concert*  
Souvenir program.
- 1926 Saturday 30 October; Auditorium (Melbourne)  
*Percy Grainger Orchestral and Choral Concerts 2<sup>nd</sup> Melbourne Concert*  
Souvenir program. 2 copies.
- 1934 14 April, 19 April, Saturday 21 April - 24 April; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
*Australia 1934 Percy Grainger A Pianist-Composer Extraordinary*  
Flyer.
- 1934 14 April; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
*Percy Grainger Season First Concert*  
Souvenir program.
- 1934 19 April; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
*Percy Grainger Season Second Concert*  
Souvenir program.
- 1934 23 July; Elder Conservatorium (University of Adelaide)  
***Chamber Music Recital in memory of Frederick Delius by members of the***


**Staff of the Elder Conservatorium** assisted by Percy Grainger and Jean Sinclair Program.


**1934** 25 August; Town Hall (Melbourne)  
**Celebrity Concert (sixth concert of series)** Conductor Bernard Heinze. Percy Grainger, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra  
Annotated Program.


**1935** Saturday 6 April; Town Hall (Adelaide)  
**First Grainger Concert of Nordic Music**  
South Australian Orchestra in conjunction with The Adelaide Bach Society  
conductors: Percy Grainger, John Horner.  
Program.


## OVERSEAS CAREER

 **1925** 26 January; Albert Hall? (London)  
London Symphony Orchestra conductor Sir Thomas Beecham **International  
Celebrity Subscription Concerts Season 1924-25**  
No. 3 Shepherd's Hey - Grainger  
Program

 **1930** 14 December; Carnegie Hall (New York)  
**Third Annual Christmas Song Festival of The People's Chorus of New York**  
Conductor: L. Camilieri, Soloist: Percy Grainger  
Program.

 **1931** 2 December; Corn Exchange, Newbury (Berkshire, England)  
**N.A.O.U. Orchestral Concert**  
Singer Margaret Rees, Conductor George Weldon, No. 4 Shepherd's Hey Percy Grainger.  
Program.

 **1935** 21 November. Wellington Town Hall (New Zealand)  
The New Zealand Broadcasting Board presents  
**Percy Grainger assisted by 5 others and The Wellington Symphony  
Orchestra** with Percy Grainger as guest conductor. In aid of the Mayor's  
Metropolitan Relief Fund  
Souvenir Program.

 **1938** 6 August - 1 October; Queen's Hall (London)  
**Promenade Concerts forty-fourth Season 1938** conducted by Sir Henry  
J. Wood. The BBC Symphony Orchestra  
Program.



1940

13 December; Carnegie Hall (New York)

***Carnegie Hall Golden Anniversary Season. In Aid of Bundles for Britain***

Marjorie Lawrence soprano Felix Wolfes at the piano Percy Grainger will accompany his own compositions in association with The Willem Durieux String Ensemble  
Program.



1940

10 August - 5 October; Queen's Hall (London)

***Promenade Concerts forty-sixth and Farewell Season 1940***

Conducted by Sir Henry J.Wood. The London Symphony Orchestra  
Program.



1941

12 January. John Adams High School (South Bend, Indiana)

South Bend Symphony Orchestra Edwyn Hames conductor 1940 – *Eighth Season – 1941 Second Concert*. Guest conductor and soloist Percy Grainger  
Program.



1940

1 November - 2 November; Music Hall (Cincinnati)

***Forty-Sixth Season Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra*** Eugene Goossens  
Musical director Fourth pair Symphony Concerts conducted by Eugene Goossens  
Soloist Percy Grainger Pianist  
Program.



1941

6 April; George's Hall (Liverpool, England)

***Orchestral Concerts for H.M. Forces*** / Organised by the Merseyside War-Time Entertainments Committee, Merseyside Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Louis Cohen.

Program/Flyer.



1941

6 June; Central High School, Masonic Temple Auditorium (Detroit)

***Fourteenth Annual Music Festival*** / Dr Harry W. Seitz Director with Percy Grainger composer, pianist, conductor  
Program.



1941

16 June to 28 July; University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas)

***The Sixth Annual Mid-Western Music Camp*** / Guest Conductor Percy Grainger  
Fold-out broadsheet program.











1946


10 November; SS. Peter & Paul's Parish Hall (Teddington, London)

***First Concert*** / The Concordia String Players


Program.


## PROGRAMS FOR CONCERTS WHICH INCLUDE MUSIC BY PERCY GRAINGER


- 1970 9-20 March; Royal Festival Hall (London)  
***Grainger Festival***  
Festival includes performances of Grainger's music; program and an exhibition Flyer.
- 1983 26 January; Wigmore Hall (London)  
***Six hand salute to Percy Grainger:***  
Grainger's complete works for 2 pianos/6hands and other British piano music / by Leslie Howard, Richard Markham & David Nettle  
Flyer.
- 1992 London  
***The Percys of Fitzrovia an Arty-Farce & The Infernal Galop, a French dance with English subtitles*** / by Adventures in Motion Pictures. Musical programme has an arrangement by Grainger.  
Program.
- 1992 7, 21, 29 March; Blackheath Concert Halls (Blackheath, London)  
***Percy Grainger Festival*** / Grainger notes by John Pickard, artistic director Martin Jones.  
Program.
- 1992 1-31 August; Snape Maltings Concert Hall (Suffolk)  
***BT Snape Proms 1992***  
p 99 Irish Time from County Derry by Grainger.  
Program.
- 1994 28 March; The Guildhall (London)  
***Monteverdi Choir 30th Anniversary Concert*** / John Eliot Gardiner conductor.  
Five pieces by Grainger.  
Program.
- 1995 12 March; Sadler's Wells Theatre (London)  
***Hope Aids Benefit*** / London City Ballet performing with music by Grainger  
All proceeds go to the London Lighthouse and Crusaid Hardship Funds  
Program.
- 2005 16 October; Symphony Hall (Birmingham)  
***Around the world in 80 minutes : a CBSO Family Concert*** / Grainger piece Gumsuckers' March from In a Nutshell  
Program.

 **2006** 25 March; St Saviour's Church (St Albans, England)  
***Sweet Music : English 19th and 20th century part-songs*** / Carillon Chamber Choir  
Program and two flyers.

 **2009** 3 – 18 July; Pittville Pump Room Cheltenham)  
***Music 09 HSBC Cheltenham Festivals Colonial Song*** p. 45 / Percy Grainger  
Program.

 **2010** Wednesday 7 July; St John's (London)  
***Croydon Symphonic Band*** / conductor David Cox  
Program.

 **2010** 27 November; Cadogan Hall (London)  
***Nettle & Markham piano duo***  
Program.

 **2011** 27 November; (Tokyo)  
***Percy Grainger Music Festival 2011*** Symposium & Concert in Tokyo  
Flyer.

## TRIBUTES

**1982** 8 February – 1 March; Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney  
Textile Museum of Australia Association, with Percy Grainger Museum, Melbourne  
University presents  
***A Tribute to Percy Grainger (1882-1961)***  
Exhibition catalogue.

**1982** 5 July; Melbourne Concert Hall (Melbourne)  
***The Percy Grainger Premiere Centenary Concert*** / presented by The University  
of Melbourne with The Grainger  
Program.


**1982** 6 July; Camberwell Civic Centre (Melbourne)  
Percy Grainger Centenary  
***A Lincolnshire Posy*** / presented by The University of Melbourne in association  
with The 3rd Military District Band Arrangements by Grainger  
Program.


**1982** 11 July; Brighton Town Hall (Melbourne)  
Percy Grainger Centenary  
***Brighton's tribute to a famous son.*** Centenary Celebration / presented by The





Brighton Historical Society  
Souvenir Program.


**1997** 5-16 March; Council Chambers Town Hall (Melbourne)  
***The White Rose & the Blue: the story of young Percy Grainger*** /presented by  
Performing Arts projects, Chuter Buesst Productions and the City of Melbourne  
Flyer.


 **1998** Sunday 8 November; St John's Smith Square (London)  
***The Grainger Event London's First International Grainger Weekend*** / in  
association with the Australian High Commission and the Percy Grainger Society  
Program.


 **2008** 23 April; 49 Queen's Gate Terrace (London)  
***John Amis meets Percy Grainger*** / Tait's Rush Hour Concert Series  
Program.

 **2011** January – April; Kings Place (London)  
***Kings Place What's on Celebrating Grainger***  
Program.

 **2011** 17 - 20 February; Kings Place (London)  
***Celebrating Grainger***  
Programs, flyers, tickets.

 **2011** 20 February; St John's (Smith Square, London)  
***Percy Grainger : The Musical Wizard from Oz*** / Percy's Anniversary Band and  
Singers  
Program.

 **2011** 12 July; St Cyprian (London)  
***Percy Grainger : a celebration*** / City Chamber Choir, Anna LeHair piano  
Program.


 **2011** 21 July; St Pancras Parish Church (London)  
***Grainger and Elgar*** / The British Library and British Museum Singers  
Flyer.

## EXHIBITIONS

**1975** Parkville, University of Melbourne, Melbourne  
***A guide to the Grainger Museum*** University of Melbourne (Victoria)  
Booklet.

- 1985** 29 July – 29 September; Performing Arts Museum (Melbourne)  
***The three faces of Percy Grainger*** / at the Performing Arts Museum, Victorian Arts Centre, Exhibition curator Elinor Wrobel  
 Brochure.
- 1991** Grainger Museum, Parkville (Melbourne)  
***The Formative Years of Percy Grainger : baby and child*** / curated by Elinor Wrobel Catalogue for the exhibition on Percy Grainger's childhood at the Grainger Museum, University of Melbourne  
 Catalogue.
- 1992** 6 April; Grainger Museum University of Melbourne (Melbourne)  
***Percy Grainger: the noble savage*** / curated by Elinor Wrobel featuring original costumes, photographs, memorabilia, ethnographic artefacts and music  
 Flyer.
- 2006** 6 July – 15 October; National Library of Australia (Canberra)  
***Facing Percy Grainger***  
 Free exhibition.  
 Exhibition catalogue.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1923** November  
*The Musician* for November, 1923  
**"You can't win without high ideals Concern yourself with the inner world and the outer life will take care of itself / by Percy Grainger"**  
 Journal article.
- 1996** (Melbourne)  
***Percy Grainger, a reassessment*** / by Ian Lace visits pianist and Grainger expert Penelope Thwaites  
 Photocopy.
-  **1996** 4 October.  
*The Guardian*  
***A Peculiar Kind of Genius***  
 Article by Adam Sweeting
- 1997** 5-16 March; Council Chambers Town Hall (Melbourne)  
***The White Rose & the Blue: the story of young Percy Grainger*** / presented by Performing Arts projects, Chuter Buesst Productions and the City of Melbourne  
 Flyer.

**1998**            7-- 8 November; St John's Smith Square (London)  
***The Grainger Event London's First International Grainger Weekend*** / in  
association with the Australian High Commission and the Percy Grainger Society  
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## **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

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