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ROLF HARRIS (1930+)

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS AND EPHEMERA (PROMPT)

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Rolf Harris (born 30 March 1930) is an Australian musician, singer-songwriter, composer, painter and television personality. This finding aid lists programs and ephemera which document all aspects of Rolf Harris's performing career in Australia and overseas. Material on his film and television screen career is not generally collected by the Library.

The list is based on imperfect holdings and is updated as gaps in the Library's holdings for this artist are filled.

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 by Harris. In a few cases however, the only evidence of a performance is a piece of printed ephemera. In these cases the type of piece is identified, eg, brochure.

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ACCESS & ARRANGEMENT

The Rolf Harris PROMPT files may be accessed through the Library's Special Collections Reading Room by eCallslip request: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn3528423>.

The Harris material in the PROMPT Collection is in the chronological order of his Australian and overseas performances and this list reflects this arrangement.

An index to appearances is provided at the end of this document.

Entries identify the city and the venue. All the information is taken from programs, flyers and ephemera.

Entries for each program are arranged as follows:

Year, day/s and month; Venue/Theatre (Location)

Company

Name of production / Creator

Harris's role or other involvement.

OTHER HARRIS RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION

The National Library's collection also includes:

- [Books and biographical cuttings](#)
- [Pictures](#)
- [Oral history interview following his 1976 Carnegie Hall performance](#)
- For Rolf Harris' performances in UK pantomimes, see also the [PROMPT collection finding aid for Australian performers in UK pantomime 1981-2011](#)

See also: [Rolf Harris information and resources listed in the TROVE Discovery Service](#) and in [AusStage](#).

AUSTRALIAN STAGE CAREER

See also [Digitised Australian newspaper coverage of Rolf Harris](#) (including news of international performance dates, review and celebrity gossip).

1973

[no specific date] Sydney Opera House (Sydney New South Wales) *The Big Star Show of 1964* / Ross Taylor

Sunday Night at the Sydney Opera House Playbill program

1977

September University of Queensland?(Brisbane, Queensland)

An evening with Rolf Harris

1983

[no specific dates] Australia and New Zealand Tour (Australia and NZ)

Rolf Harris in Concert Australian and New Zealand Tour 1983 Presented in Australia by A.T.A. AllStar Artist Pty Ltd Presented in New Zealand by M.E.I Michael Edgley International Pty Ltd & Kevin Jacobsen Concerts Playbill program

1984

[no specific dates] Australian Tour (Australia)

Rolf Harris in Concert Presented in Australia by A.T.A. AllStar Artist Pty Ltd Playbill program (Sydney NSW)

Rolf Harris Schools Variety Spectacular Concert

Playbill program 2 copies held, 1 signed on cover by RH.

1985

[no specific date] (Sydney NSW)

Rolf Harris Schools Variety Spectacular Concert

Playbill program 2 copies held.

1986

[no specific date] (Sydney NSW)

Rolf Harris presents Variety Spectacular

A production for International Year of Peace arranged and presented by the Community Relations Unit of the N.S.W. Department of Education in conjunction with Rolf Harris Productions Pty Ltd.

Playbill program.

1987

[no specific date] (Sydney NSW)

Variety Spectacular '87

Presented by the N.S.W. Department of Education in association with Rolf Harris Productions Pty Ltd.

Playbill program.

1988

[no specific date] Sydney Entertainment Centre (Sydney NSW)

Spectacular 88

Presented by the N.S.W. Department of Education in association with Rolf Harris Productions Pty Ltd.

Playbill program.

OVERSEAS STAGE CAREER

Undated



The Talk of the Town Theatre Restaurant (London, England)
At nine-thirty *Dangerous Curves* / Robert Nesbitt's Revue presented by Bernard Delfont.
At eleven o'clock Rolf Harris stars in his first West End Cabaret appearance.



The Talk of the Town Theatre Restaurant (London, England)
At nine-thirty *Fine Feathers* / Robert Nesbitt's Extravaganza presented by Bernard Delfont.
At eleven o'clock Rolf Harris



4 September; Congress Theatre (Eastbourne, England)
Rolf Harris International entertainer / presented by Kimbrell-Stepham Associates with several other acts.

1964



[no specific date] Royal Aquarium Theatre (Great Yarmouth Green, England)
The Big Star Show of 1964 / Ross Taylor
Rolf Harris in Act 9 All-in-fun The Eight Starlets and Rolf Harris.

1967



23 April; Victoria Palace (London, England)
Royal Performance in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra
In aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.
Fall in, the Stars - Rolf Harris in Act 10, Two-way Family Favourites.



13 November; The London Palladium (London, England)
Royal Performance in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh in aid of the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund.
Rolf Harris in Act 4 Rolf Harris with the Boys and Girls.

1968



[no specific date] (Leicester, England)

Rolf Harris / John Westcombe

Promotional booklet [12 p.]



10 October; Coventry Theatre (Coventry, England)

The 1968 International Birthday Show / Albert J. Knight

1969



1 November; Royal Albert Hall (London, England) and **3-16 November** Provincial Tour

Rolf Harris with the Tony Evans Orchestra

Joe Benjamin, The Patterson plus special guest appearance of the Young Generation.

1973



1 November; Winter Gardens (Bournemouth, England)

Rolf Harris in The Rolf Harris Show by Peter Sontar.

Starring with Cannon & Ball, Johnny Hutch's Halfwits, The Dallas Boys.

1976



5 October; Carnegie Hall (New York, NY)

An evening with Rolf Harris First New York Concert

Presented by The Australian Exhibit Organization, in association with Gordon Crowe Musical.

Director Barry Booth. An Australian-U.S. Bicentennial event.

Program is an *Intermezzo* magazine.

1977



24 December–14 January; Fairfield Hall (Croydon, England)

The Rolf Harris Christmas Show

Executive producer Graham Stephenson.

1978



12 March; The Adelphi Theatre (London, England)
Super Star Sunday
Directed by Freddie Carpenter.
A benefit performance for Erin Pizzey's Chiswick Women's Aid.

1979



[no specific date] The Talk of the Town, Hippodrome Corner (London, England)
Rolf Harris Presented by Bernard Delfont at eleven o'clock in the star spot Musical director:
Barry Booth, Drummer: Dave Rogers

1981



25 April?; Theatre (London, England)
Rolf Harris Booklet to go with the Show about Rolf Harris's life with biographical notes and photos



19 December; Royal Albert Hall (London, England)
Traditional Family Carol Concerts
Presented by Royal Choral Society conductor Meredith Davies.

1985



25 November; Theatre Royal Drury Lane (London England)
*Royal Variety Performance in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh*
In aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund.
2 copies.

1988



30 November; Eton Art Gallery (Berkshire England)
Rolf Harris
Bouwe and Barbara Jans wish you a very happy Festive Season and invite you to a private view of work by Rolf Harris. The exhibition will continue to Monday 5th December 1988 at The Eton Art Gallery 58 High St Eton, Berkshire.

1993/94



17 December-5 February; Plymouth Theatre Royal (Plymouth England)
Jack and the Beanstalk (pantomime season)
Featuring Rolf Harris as "Simple Simon".
1 copy.

1994/95



16 December – 29 January November; Wimbledon Theatre (Wimbledon, England)
Cinderella (pantomime season)
Featuring Rolf Harris as "Baron".

1994/6?



1 November: Mean Fiddler (Harlesden, England)
Rolf Harris Line-up brochure edited by Claire Read, produced by the Mean Fiddler Organization.

1996/7



19 December – 2 February; New Victoria Theatre (Woking, England)
Cinderella (Pantomime season)
Flyer.

1998



3 April; The Swan (England)
Rolf Harris The Original Antipodean Superstar with his band
GIG Guide Easter Festival 98 April
Brochure and small poster.



29 October; Union Chapel (Compton Terrace, England)
White Cockatoo Aboriginal Corroboree.
Aboriginal masters of traditional dreamtime.
Special guest Rolf Harris and compere Shining Bear.

2003



29 September; Royal Albert Hall (London, England)

Rolf Harris: 50 Years in Showbusiness

An evening of celebration at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of The Prince's Trust.



6 October; Symphony Hall (Birmingham, England)

The Marion Montgomery Tribute: *Gas Street to Symphony Hall – a short journey that spanned 35 years*

2005



3-28 August; (Edinburgh, Scotland)

The 17th Avalon Comedy Festival: *Rolf Harris Live*

2009



14 November; Royal Albert Hall (London, England)

Wild & Live ! a concert in aid of wildlife

Born Free Foundation 25th Anniversary

Featuring Rolf Harris as one of the night's performers.

Souvenir Programme.



20 December; Fairfield Halls (Croydon, England)

Rolf Harris & friends' Christmas Cracker

Flyer.

2013



8 February; Royal Festival Hall (London, England)

An evening with Rolf Harris: live in London for one night only!

Flyer.

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