MU/  MUSICIANS UNION

1/  Union publications and circulars

The Musicians Union’s Reports and Journals were publications produced by the Musicians Union (and its predecessor the Amalgamated Musicians Union) and distributed to members, providing information relating to union activity and reports on issues of concern to members. They include details of union office holders and membership, and end-of-year financial statements. The Journals provide more detailed articles and news reports and also include advertisements, photographs and cartoons.

The Union’s Reports and Journals were replaced in 1950 by The Musician. The first issue was dated July-October 1950, the editorial announcing: “This is a new journal. Those issued in the past under differing names, and with varying frequency of publication, served their purpose well, but an attempt is being made now to produce a publication of a different kind – a kind we think members will want. There will be no need to ask ‘What is the Union doing?’ All the Union’s important activities will be reported in our pages, which will give you also information about agreements made and official decisions of your elected Executive Committee.”

The Bulletin to Branches was a typed circular containing “official notices and news from the National Office” issued to Branch Secretaries on a more frequent basis than the monthly journal The Musician. The first issue of the Bulletin was produced on 4th April 1949 and was introduced as follows: “This Bulletin, and others like it in the future, will help you. It will also help us. In it we shall communicate to you decisions that apply to all branches, and items of news of interest to you and your members... even between issues of a monthly ‘Report’ there are developments upon which branch secretaries should be informed. The Bulletin will be the medium through which the information will reach you. You will find in it from time to time subjects that should be reported to your Branch Committee; and material that will help you to present an interesting report to your next Branch Meeting.” The Bulletins continued to be produced until 2004 and ran to over 500 issues.

1/  Amalgamated Musicians Union Reports and Journals (1894-1921)
2/  The Musicians Report & Journal (1900-21)
3/  The Musicians Journal (1921-1930)
4/  Monthly/Quarterly Reports of the Musicians Union (1921 – 1950)
6/  Bulletins to Branches (1949 – 2004)

MU/1/1  Amalgamated Musicians Union reports and journals (1894-1921):

Annual Reports of the Amalgamated Musicians Union 1894-1902
Amalgamated Musicians Union Monthly / Quarterly Reports: 1895-1921
- Monthly Report & Journal - No. 1, Jan 1895 – No. 91, Oct 1902
- Quarterly Report & Journal - No. 92, Jan 1903 – No. 118, Jul 1909
- Monthly Report & Supplement - No. 119, Sep 1909 – No. 256, Jul 1921
Amalgamated Musicians Union Private Supplement No. 1, Jan 1903 – No. 54, Aug 1909

MU/1/2  The Musicians Report & Journal (1900-21):

No. 67, Jul 1900 – No. 314, Jul 1921

MU/1/3  The Musicians Journal (1921-1930):

No. 1 Aug 1921 – No. 31 Jan 1929; New Series No. 1 Apr 1929 – No. 15 Oct 1932
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MU/1/4 Monthly/Quarterly Reports of the Musicians Union 1921 – 1950:

Monthly Report of the Musicians Union No. 1, Aug 1921 – No. 4, Nov 1921
Quarterly Report of the Musicians Union No. 5, Jan 1922 – No. 10, Apr 1923
Musicians Union Monthly Report No. 63, Sep 1927 – No. 90, Dec 1929
New Series, No. 1, Jan 1930 – No. 7, Jan 1931
New Series, No. 8, Apr 1931 – No. 30, Sep 1936
New Series, No. 1 Jan 1937 – No. 45, Sep 1940
New (Quarterly) Series, No. 1, Jan 1941 – No. 22, Jul 1946
New (Monthly) Series, No. 1, Aug 1946 – No. 18, Feb 1949
New Bi-monthly Series, Mar/Apr 1948 – Jan/Feb 1949
New monthly Series, May 1949 – Aug 1949

MU/1/5 The Musician (1950-2004):


MU/1/6 Bulletins to Branches (1949-2004)

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