

Oh! dem golden slippers - the story of the Philadelphia Mummers

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Golden Slippers: About the Song

But what is a Mummer? By the late nineteenth century, mummer celebrations had become quite large and raucous, particularly in South Philadelphia, the heart of the mummer tradition. Such imagery could be found in the published music of James Bland and most other minstrel songwriters of the era. Connecting readers with great books since 1972.

What is a Mummer? History, definition and more of the traditional Philadelphia parade

Wench Brigades this year are Oregon, Jhg Saints, American, O'Malley, Cara Liom, Riverfront, Bryson, Pirates and Froggy Carr. While South Philadelphia especially remains one of the most important centers for Mummers traditions and Mummers members, more recent immigrants to the neighborhood from and generally have fewer ties to the parade and tradition. Most charge annual dues for membership.

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Founded in 1888, the Society: Publishes the quarterly Journal of American Folklore, the preeminent folklore journal in the world, and the bimonthly AFSNews Produces an annual meeting each October that brings together more than 500 folklorists to exchange work and ideas, and to create and strengthen friendships and working relationships Maintains the AFSNet web site as a means for communication among Society members and between folklorists and the world at large Supports the work of more than thirty interest-group sections Awards prizes and other forms of recognition and support for outstanding work Maintains active partnerships with other societies in the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Humanities Alliance Takes a leading role in national and international folklore projects. In 2004, the parade was moved back to Broad Street. It didn't hold together very well.

O, Dem Golden Slippers: Gender Variance & the Mummers Parade

While Mummers can be found throughout the city and suburbs of Philadelphia, the heart of the Mummers is in South Philadelphia, along Second Street and Third Street, in neighborhoods called Pennsport and Whitman. Written by James Bland, an African American, which was introduced into the parade in 1905 by minstrel Charles Dumont.

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When European immigrants from Scandinavia, from Britain and other parts of Europe began arriving in the 17th Century, they brought their Mummer traditions with them.

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Occupations such as longshoremen and firefighters have solid Mummer ties. They were called female impersonators, character types, lovely creatures, drag queens, pansies, divas.

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