

Music in the English mystery plays

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Eventually the dramas moved from church to the exterior - the churchyard and the public marketplace. The guild associations are not, however, to be understood as the method of production for all towns. It was once thought that this anonymous author wrote a series of 32 plays each averaging about 384 lines called the Towneley Cycle.

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If the performers were to have an audience they needed to perform when the weather was good, as it often is at the end of May and the beginning of June. The York , for example, sponsored the Doomsday pageant.

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Medieval Mystery Plays

These plays are both short and long to fit any type of venue. The best known pageant in the Towneley manuscript is The Second Shepherds' Pageant, a burlesque of the Nativity featuring Mak the sheep stealer and his wife Gill, which more or less explicitly compares a stolen lamb to Jesus Christ.

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The Mystery Plays: History of York

Medieval mystery plays focused on the representation of stories in as with accompanying song. This proved such a crowd pleaser that they were

soon packing them in, so much so that eventually this proved too disruptive and the plays had to be moved outside the abbey, at which time the individual companies of Chester Guilds adopted them. The N-Town cycle was revived in 1978 as the , and in 1994 the Mysteries were revived now the biggest community theatre event in the United Kingdom.

Chester Mystery Plays

In 2004, two mystery plays one focusing on the Creation and the other on the Passion were performed at Canterbury Cathedral, with actor in the role of God. Depiction of a performance of the Mystery Play of in during the Middle Ages.

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Despite this ban, the plays were performed in 1568 and again in 1575.

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