Riobard Mac Góráin Collection

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference code  IE/UCD/SC/MacG
Title  Riobard Mac Góráin Collection
Dates  [1916-1968]
Level of description  Fonds
Extent  36 items

CONTEXT

Creator  Riobard Mac Góráin

Biographical history
Riobard Mac Góráin was born in Dublin on 19 March 1928. He was the eldest of five children born to Séamus McGoran and Elizabeth (Lily) Mulholland. His father was from Ballinahinch, Co Down, and rose to become adjutant-general of the Irish Army, having previously been OC Southern Command in the late 1940s.

Mac Góráin attended Scoil Uí Chonaill, Dublin, and later studied arts at University College Cork, graduating in 1948. During his college days he was auditor of the college Irish-language society, An Chuallacht, and was also associated with the journal Siol. A member of An Comhdhaidreamh, he edited its monthly magazine Comhar for most of the 1950s. With Dónall Ó Móráin and other affiliates of An Comhdhaidreamh, he founded Gael Linn at a meeting in Cork's Imperial Hotel in 1953. Mac Góráin is well known for his pioneering role in the development and promotion of Irish music, film and theatre, and he worked tirelessly in fundraising for Gael Linn. He was also closely involved in the development of Amharclann Éireann, the weekly newsreel filmed by Colm Ó Laoghaire and shown in cinemas throughout the country from 1958 to 1963, and with all of Gael Linn's major films, including the full-length features Mise Éire and Saoirse.

He recorded sean nós singers such as Seosamh Ó hÉanaí, Seán 'acDhonncha, Seán de hÓra and Nioclás Tóibín. In addition, he added bands such as Clannad, Dé Danann and Skara Brae, together with solo musicians Mary Bergin, Paddy Keenan and Nóirín Ni Riain to the Gael Linn catalogue. He was also greatly concerned with fostering quality drama in Irish, promoting Amharclann an Damer, which produced works that included An Giall by Brendan Behan, which enjoyed international success as The Hostage, and Máréad Ni Ghráda's An Triail.

Mac Góráin served as president of Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, Cathaoirleach of An tOireachtas, a member of Bord na Gaeilge, Cathaoirleach of An tOireachtas, a member of Bord na Gaeilge, a vice-chairman of the NCEA and an active member of the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Riobard Mac Góráin died on the 30th August 2007 at the age of 79.

Source of acquisition  Donated to UCD Library Special Collections in 2008.
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and content
Contains letters, poems and essays from senders listed below primarily concerning Irish culture and language.

List of senders:
Joe Christle  
L.S. Gogan  
Con Houlihan  
Pearse Hutchinson  
Thomas Kinsella  
Proinsias Mac an Bheatha  
Pádraig Mac an Uitáig  
Proinsias Mac Cana  
Margaret Mac Curtain  
Gearailt Mac Eoin  
Unseann Mac Eoin  
Tomás Mac Gabhann  
Micheál Mac Liammóir  
Alf Mac Lochlainn  
Ciarán Mac Mathúna  
Seán Mac Réamoinn  
Máire Mhac an tSaor  
Máirtin Ó Cadhain  
Séamus Ó Céilleachain  
Mártín Ó Direáin  
Brian O Donnell  
Eogán O Dóimaill Domicas [?]  
Seán S Ó L Ógartaigh  
Liam O’Flaithearta  
Criostóir Ó Floinn  
Deasún Ó Fennell  
Piaras Ó Gaora  
Risteard Ó Glaíseáin  
Peadar Ó hAmracáin  
Bhaiteár Ó Maicín (Walter Machen)  
Séamus Ó Neill  
Ciarán Ó Nualláin  
Risteárd Ó Riáin  
Seán Ó Riordáin  
Una and Padraig Ó Siochrú  
Arland Ussher

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access
Available by appointment only to research students, teaching staff and scholars. Please note that research students should also have a letter of recommendation from their supervisor.

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Photocopying or digital photographing of this collection is not permitted.

Language
Irish

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist’s Note
Descriptive list prepared by Andrea O’Gorman, April 2009.

Riobard Mac Góráin Collection List

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Proinsias Mac Cana, Programme, Newspaper Cutting and Letters

**MACG/9**
July 1948-December 1962
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Margaret Mac Curtain, Letters

**MACG/10**
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Gearailt Mac Eoin, Poem

**MACG/11**
[June 1951]
2 items
Uinseann Mac Eoin, Letters

**MACG/12**
August 1946
3pp
Tómas Mac Gobhann, Letter

**MACG/13**
1952
4pp
Micheál Mac Liammóir, [Poem]

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Alf Mac Lochlainn, Script and Essay

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[Eogan O Dóimaill Domicas?], Letter and Essay

**MACG/23**

November 1948-October 1952

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Seán S. Ó L. Éigeartaigh, Letters

**MACG/24**

[October 1952]

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Liam Ó Flaithearta, [Essay and Photocopy of a Radio play]

**MACG/25**

Not dated

2 items

Criostóir Ó Floinn, Poem and Essay

**MACG/26**

[July 1956]

2 items

Deasún Ó Fennell, Letter and Essay

**MACG/27**

[March 1952]

2 items

Piaras Ó Gaora, Letter and Essay

**MACG/28**

[April 1949-1965]

6 items

Risteárd Ó Glaisne, Letters, Essay and Pamphlet

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MACG/29  [1916-1949]
3 items
Peadar Ó hAmracáin, Programme, Letter and Essay

MACG/30  July 1951
1p
Bhaiteár Ó Maicín [Walter Machen], Letter

MACG/31  April 1945
1p
Séamus Ó Neill, Letter

MACG/32  February 1947-July 1949
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Ciarán Ó Nualláin, Letters

MACG/33  Not Dated
7pp
Risteárd Ó Riáin, Essay

MACG/34  April 1948-November 1957
26 items
Seán Ó Riordáin, Letters, Poetry, Correspondence and Essay

MACG/35  [May 1951- January 1968]
3 items
Padraig Ó Siochrú, Letters and Radio Script