

The Highland Fling

UK : 1898 : dir. : Leviathan Silent : 75 sec
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 Cast unknown

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985
 listing:

“Act. Children dance in Scottish costume.”

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Two films of the same title were released by different makers in September 1898, one performed by the Black Watch, and this one by children. Leviathan simultaneously released **“THE IRISH JIG”**, also danced by children. Traditional dances were an ideal subject for pioneer film-makers, providing entertainment and controlled movement without any requirements of plot. It would be interesting to know whether exhibitors as early as this would have supplied any musical accompaniment.

Denis Gifford's *British Film Catalogue* is a staggering work of research, listing virtually every live action film shot in the UK over the first ninety years of the cinema, but uniquely valuable for information on these earliest silent pieces, the great majority of which we must assume to be lost.

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