

Recording of the week: sheep gathering in Wales

This week's selection comes from Cheryl Tipp, Curator of Wildlife & Environmental Sounds. Most of the library's wildlife recordings focus on the sounds of wild animals, whether that be singing birds in the Australian outback, echolocating dolphins in the Caribbean Sea or stridulating insects in the English countryside. It's not...

Recording of the week: Kagura – dancing for the Gods

This week's selection comes from Giulia Baldorilli, Reference Specialist. The origin of dance in Japan can be traced back to the age of the gods and the Japanese kagura can be considered a prototype of all Japanese rituals. Kagura combines dance with music and theatrical elements; it is both a...

A tribute to Stephen Cleobury by Jessica Duchen

Jessica Duchen pays tribute to Sir Stephen Cleobury who she interviewed for National Life Stories at the British Library.

Recording of the week: 'Power' by Adrienne Rich

This week's selection comes from Dr Eva del Rey, Curator of Drama and Literature Recordings and Digital Performance. This week's recording of the week features American poet Adrienne Rich reading her poem 'Power'. Rich is performing at the 1st International Feminist Book Fair, London, 1984. The

poem was first published...

Hollywood Fights Back

Written by Delaina Sepko, Sound Collections Researcher. Hollywood Fights Back is a two part radio programme made and financed by the Committee for the First Amendment and broadcast on the American network ABC. The episodes aired on 26 October 1947 and 2 November 1947 respectively. The programme's content is spread...