

Nelson Freire – a great pianist remembered

Jonathan Summers and Nelson Freire (photo © Jonathan Summers) By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music When Brazilian Nelson Freire died last month at the age of seventy-seven, the world lost one of its greatest pianists. A naturally talented child whose playing was already formed by the age of seven,...

Recording of the Week: The musical pillars of a medieval Indian temple

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Introducing the Collections in Dialogue commission with Leeds Art Gallery and the British Library

Written by Jill McKnight, Artist-in-Residence. I am an artist based in Leeds

working across sculpture, writing, installation, drawing and print and I've been selected as the artist in residency for Collections in Dialogue, a co-commission project by the British Library and Leeds Art Gallery. The project brief particularly interested me...

Recording of the week: Graham Stuart Thomas on bringing historic flowers back to life

This week's selection comes from Chloe Lafferty, Remote Volunteer for the Unlocking Our Sound Heritage project. As autumn slowly unfurls, with colder mornings and falling leaves, it is comforting to think of sunshine and new life. 'Down to Earth: An Oral History of British Horticulture' documents the lives and careers...