Recording of the week: Muzak whilst you work for increased efficiency

This week's post comes from Gail Tasker, Audio Project Cataloguer. As a music fan, I've often come across the word 'Muzak' without giving it much thought. For many, it signifies the tinny sound of soft instrumental music backgrounding an elevator ride or a customer service call. For others, it's a...

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This week's post comes from Tom Miles, Metadata Coordinator for Europeana Sounds. August Wilhelmj (1845-1908) was a violinist and teacher. He was born in Usingen, Germany. Referred to by Liszt as 'the future Paganini', he gained a reputation as a child prodigy and was at the height of his career...

Recording of the week: Leonie Barnett on her brother, Joe Orton

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