

## **Recording of the week: Music and singing for the Tihar Festival in Nepal**

This week's selection comes from Catherine Smith, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. "20121113-Nepal-trekking-5-Pokhara-ARZH5002E" by zhushman is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0 Tihar (also called Diwali) is a five day Hindu festival celebrated in Nepal. It usually takes place in the Nepali month, Kartik (end of October to...

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## **Recording of the week: If I were a blackbird**

This week's selection comes from Yrja Thorsdottir, Digital Learning Content Developer for Unlocking Our Sound Heritage. I love singing to myself at my desk as I'm working from home but you will never catch me singing anywhere someone can hear me. Pining for karaoke parties? Absolutely not! Why? I don't...

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## **An interview with Major James Howe**

By Sarah Coggrave, Data Protection and Rights Clearance Officer, Unlocking Our Sound Heritage Project. In 1996, Les Back (Professor of Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London), interviewed Major James Howe, MBE (1917-2005), a musician and bandleader who led a dance band in a German POW (prisoner of war) camp...

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## **Recording of the week: The horrors of**

## the long drop

This week's recording of the week comes from Emma Burman, Learning and Engagement Coordinator. Helena Street, Burnley, Lancashire, 1966-1974 © Heritage Images via Getty Images (1094419358) As a 1990's baby, I have had the pleasure of never experiencing an outdoor toilet, 'long drop' or 'privy'. I have frequented many a...

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## Going batty for Halloween

Bats have a long association with Halloween. The most obvious reason for this emerges when we look at another classic character for this time of year, the vampire. As with vampires, bats are creatures of the night, only leaving their roosts after the last rays of sunlight have faded for...