

Geoff Webb on polio

For Disability History Month Dr Madeline White looks at Geoff Webb's reminiscences of polio

Documenting Bengali music in Britain

Written by Val Harding and Julie Begum from the Swadhinata Trust ahead of their British Library event 'Songs of Freedom: Celebrating Fifty Years of Bangladesh' on 16 December 2021. In 2016 we set up an oral history project at the Swadhinata Trust aiming to document multi-generational experiences of Bengali music...

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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