

Recording of the week: the Moken – seafarers of the Andaman Sea

This week's selection comes from Dr Janet Topp Fargion, Lead Curator of World and Traditional Music. Ko Surin is a group of five small islands in the Andaman Sea, sixty kilometres off the Thai coast. They are entirely covered in primary rain forests, with two small villages inhabited by Moken...

Trauma, narrative and theatre

In his role as the 2019-2020 National Life Stories Goodison Fellow Rib Davis will be looking at Holocaust survivors in the oral history collection who have been interviewed on more than one occasion.

Lady Speyer – a forgotten violinist

Lady Speyer by John Singer Sargent By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music Leonora von Stosch was born in Washington D.C. on the 7th November 1872. Her father had been born in Germany but immigrated to the United States as a young man where he married an English woman. Leonora...

Recording of the week: Doric dialect

This week's selection comes from Andrew Booth, PhD placement student working on the VoiceBank collection. An intriguing and unique variety of English spoken in the British Isles is Doric dialect. Doric refers to a Scots dialect spoken in the northeast of Scotland and to the outside ear (mine), it can...

Visual sound works from imaginary archives (part 2)

Eva del Rey and Paul Wilson, co-curators of Listen: 140 Years of Recorded Sound present: (Part two of a gallery of creative responses to the British Library sound collections by students from the Graphic and Communication Design department at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts). Florence Macleod views the...