Recording of the week: PTOOFF!

This week's selection comes from Steve Cleary, Lead Curator of Literary and Creative Recordings. Apologies, this may be our shortest ever 'Recording of the Week'. It does however provide an excuse to highlight a colourful product of the late 1960s countercultural arts scene centred in and around Ladbroke Grove, London....

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Recording of the week: Kagura - dancing for the Gods

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