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LARSON_R01

**Sound recordings collected by
Richard K. Larson, 1981**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1981

Extent: 5 sound cassettes (ca. 60 minutes each) : analogue mono + field tape report sheets.

Production history

These recordings were collected in January 1981 and on 18 February 1981 by Richard K. Larson while on fieldwork at Yuendumu. They document a sequence of songs in Warlpiri leading up to initiation of a boy from Jangala/Jampijinpa semi-moiety. Included are women's Dreaming songs, recounting the dream-time travels of women as they danced a long a mountain range, and men singing portions of the Rain Dreaming. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 10 March 1981.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Richard K. Larson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
008080	Field tape 1	Warlpiri men group singing Warlpiri Kurdiji initiation ceremonial songs
008081	Field tape 2	Warlpiri men and women singing Warlpiri Kurdiji initiation ceremonial songs
008082	Field tape 3	Warlpiri men and women singing Warlpiri Kurdiji initiation ceremonial songs; Women's Dreaming songs
008083	Field tape 4	Warlpiri men and women singing Women's Dreaming songs
008083	Field tape 5	Toby Jampijinpa Robertson accompanied by three Japanangka men singing Rain Dreaming song

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

008080/Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Warlpiri men's group
Subject keywords:	Ceremonies – Initiation; Music – vocal – group – Male
Language/people:	Warlpiri Language (C15) (NT SF52-04)
Places:	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LARSON_R01-008080	00:00:08	Collectors announcement.	18 th February 1981	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
	00:01:18	Unidentified Warlpiri males singing begins in the middle of a verse of song.		
	01:00:42	End of field tape 1 and LARSON_R01-008080.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

008081/Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Warlpiri Men and Women's group
Subject keywords:	Ceremonies – Initiation; Music – vocal – group – Male; Music – vocal – group – Mixed voices
Language/people:	Warlpiri Language (C15) (NT SF52-04)
Places:	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
Recording quality:	Fair – good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LARSON_R01-008081	00:00:11	Unidentified males group singing Warlpiri Kurdiji Initiation Ceremony.	18 th February 1981	Yuendumu, NT
	00:19:46	Unidentified Warlpiri females accompany the men's group in singing.		
	01:02:52	End of Field tape 2 and LARSON_R01-008081.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

008082/Field tape 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Warlpiri Men and Women's group
Subject keywords:	Ceremonies – Initiation; Music – vocal – group – Male; Music – vocal – group – Mixed voices; Religion – Dreaming
Language/people:	Warlpiri Language (C15) (NT SF52-04)
Places:	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LARSON_R01-008082	00:00:07	Unidentified Warlpiri males and females singing Kurdiji Initiation ceremony.	18 th February 1981	Yuendumu, NT (
	00:31:57	Unidentified Warlpiri males and females singing a Women's Dreaming song.		
	00:44:49	End of field tape 3 and end of LARSON_R01-008082.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

008083/Field tape 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Warlpiri Men and Women's group
Subject keywords:	Music – vocal – group – Mixed voices; Religion – Dreaming
Language/people:	Warlpiri Language (C15) (NT SF52-04)
Places:	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LARSON_R01-008083	00:00:07	Warlpiri males and females singing Dreaming songs.	18 th February 1981	Yuendumu, NT
	00:01:15	End of field tape 4.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

008083/Field tape 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Toby Jampijinpa Robertson, 3 Japanangka men
Subject keywords:	Music – vocal – group – Male; Religion – Dreaming
Language/people:	Warlpiri Language (C15) (NT SF52-04)
Places:	Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
LARSON_R01-008083	00:02:01	Toby Jampijinpa Robertson accompanied by 3 Japanangka men singing portion of Rain Dreaming song.	January 1981	Yuendumu, NT
	00:08:12	End of Field tape 5 and end of LARSON_R01-008083.		

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