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**Sound recordings collected by
Douglas Myers, 1975-1988**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

- Date:** 1975-1988
- Extent:** 81 audiotape reels : analogue, 7 ½ ips, mono ; 5 in.
4 audiotape reels : analogue, 7 ½ ips, mono ; 7 in.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 10 May 1975 and 5 February 1988 by musicologist Douglas Myers during fieldwork at Beswick, Wadeye / Port Keats, Snake Bay, Bamyili, Garden Point, Urapunga and Springvale Homestead in the Northern Territory of Australia. The purpose of the field trips was to document the music of the peoples of Arnhem Land, Wadeye and the Tiwi Islands. Performers and speakers include Djoli Laiwanga, Hickey Hood, Long Lin, Long Stephen, Lofty (Bardayal Nadjamerrek?), George (Jangawanga?), Willy, Billy, Dick, Paddy Henry, Ian Viner, David (Blanasi?), Pius, Johnny, Ambrose, Butcher, Billy Naga, Thomas Woody, Tony and many unidentified participants. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 19 May 2016.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Douglas Myers. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not yet been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
	1	Music performed by Lofty, 10 May 1975
	2	Music performed by Lofty and friends, 10 May 1975
	3	Alligator Corroboree performed by Hickey Hood, 11 May 1975
	4	Long Lin performs at Snake Bay, Melville Island, NT
	5	Hickey Hood performs Black Duck, 12 May 1975
	6	Hickey Hood performs, 13 May 1975
	7	Hickey Hood performs, 13 May 1975
	8	Lofty and Don perform, 13 May 1975
	9	George and his brother-in-law perform secret/sacred material, 13 May 1975 – RESTRICTED, ceremonial
	10	Recordings of music (1) made at Beswick, NT, 15 May 1975
	11	Recordings of music (2) made at Beswick, NT, 15 May 1975
	12	Recordings of music (3) made at Beswick, NT, 15 May 1975
	13	Hickey Hood performs Quartz Snake, 15 May 1975
	14	Hickey Hood performs Quartz Snake, 15 May 1975
	15	Hickey Hood performs Storm Bird, 15 May 1975
	16	Hickey Hood performs Storm Bird, 15 May 1975
	M5/76	Willy performs, 11 May 1976
	M6/76	Willy and George perform, 11 May 1976
	M7/76	Willy and George perform, 11 May 1976
	M8/76	Conversation with Willy
	M9/76	George sings accompanied by Billy on didjeridu, 12 May 1976
	M10/76	Billy and Dick perform, 12 May 1976
	M11/76	Billy and Dick perform, 12 May 1976

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
	M12/76	Tiwi funeral ceremony, 18 May 1976
	M13/76	Long Lin and Paddy Henry perform, 19 May 1976
	M14/76	Long Stephen and Long Lin perform, 19 May 1976
	M15/76	Opening of the Bamyili, NT, Community Centre, including a speech by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mister Ian Viner, 20 May 1976
	M16/76	Djoli performs Shadow Wildman and Rifle Fish, 20 May 1976
	M17/76	David and George perform, 21 May 1976
	M19/76	Hickey Hood performs, 22 May 1976
	M20/76	Hickey Hood performs, 22 May 1976
	M21/76	Hickey Hood performs, 22 May 1976
	M22/76	David performs with didjeridu, 23 May 1976
	M23/76	Hickey Hood performs Black Duck, 22 May 1976
	M24/76	Hickey Hood performs Black Duck, 22 May 1976
	M25/76	Hickey Hood performs Catfish 23 May 1976
	M26/76	Hickey Hood performs Catfish 23 May 1976
	M27/76	Hickey Hood performs Catfish 23 May 1976
	M28/76	Maraian performed by George Jangawanga, 23 May 1976 – RESTRICTED, ceremonial
	M29/76	Songs performed by Djoli, 24 May 1976
	M30/76	Songs performed by Djoli, 24 May 1976
	Pius/Johnny	Pius and Johnny perform, Port Keats, NT, 24 April 1977
	Long Lin	Long Lin performs, 24 April 1977
	Pius	Pius performs at night, 26 April 1977
	Johnny	Johnny performs, 26 April 1977
	Wonga	Ambrose performs Wangga, 27 April 1977
	Johnny	Johnny performs at morning, 28 April 1977
	Wonga Movie	Wangga ceremony and movie session, 28 April 1977
	Church Service	Church service, 29 April 1977
	Djoli Movie	Djoli movie at Beswick, NT, 2 May 1977
	Djoli T1	Djoli performs at Beswick, NT, 13 May 1977
	Djoli T2	Djoli performs at Beswick, NT, 13 May 1977
	Gurangidji T1	Gurangidji performed by Hickey Hood at Bamyili, NT, 3 May 1977

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	Gurangidji T2	Gurangidji performed by Hickey Hood at Bamyili, NT, 3 May 1977
	Gurangidji T3	Gurangidji performed by Hickey Hood at Bamyili, NT, 3 May 1977
	Long Stephen	Long Stephen and Long Lin perform, 5 May 1977
	Lecture	Lecture on Aborigines
	M23/78	Songs performed by Djoli, 27 April 1978
	M25/78	Maraian performed by George, 1 May 1978 – RESTRICTED, ceremonial
	M26/78	Maraian performed by George, 1 May 1978 – RESTRICTED, ceremonial
	M29/78	Early songs by Djoli performed by David, George and Butcher, 2 May 1978
	M30/78	Long Lin and Long Stephen perform, 3 May 1978
	M33/78	Performance of full corroboree, 6 May 1978
	M36/78	Hickey Hood performs Alligator, 13 May 1978
	M44/78	Performance of Bunggul, 15 May 1978
	M45/78	Performance of Bunggul, 15 May 1978
	M46/78	Performance of Bunggul, 15 May 1978
	M47/78	Performance of Bunggul, 15 May 1978
	Garden Point	Long Lin and Long Stephen perform at Garden Point, Melville Island, NT, 15 May 1979
	Urapunga	Willy performs at Urapunga, NT, 18 May 1979
	Movie Corrob	Movie session and corroboree, 20 May 1979
	Djoli NV T2	Djoli performs, 21 May 1979
	Bunkel Springvale	Bunggul performed by George and others at Springvale Homestead, NT, 23 May 1979
	Yam Ceremony	Yam ceremony with Billy Naga, 23 May 1979
	Tape 3 Djoli	Songs performed by Djoli, 25 May 1979
	Kulama Ceremony 80 T1	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 23 April 1980
	Kulama Ceremony 80 T2	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 23 April 1980
	Long Lyn/Long Stephen	Long Lyn and Long Stephen performing, 6 February 1982
	Kulama	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 6 February 1982

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
	Ceremony T1 6/2/82	
	Kulama Ceremony T2 6/2/82	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 6 February 1982
	Kulama Ceremony T1 7/2/82	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 7 February 1982
	Kulama Ceremony T3 7/2/82	Performance of Kulama ceremony, 7 February 1982
	Tiwi Thomas Woody	Thomas Woody and Tony perform Tiwi music, 22 June 1987
	Tiwi Justin	Kulama ceremony performed by Justin, 23 June 1987
	Tiwi Kulama 4/52/88	Kulama and Pukumani ceremonies performed, 4-5 February 1988