A Step Back in Time

Visitors to the Recorded Sound Archives (RSA) can enjoy the experience of hearing vintage recordings as they originally sounded. RSA's exhibit of vintage players allows guests to step back in time as they listen to an Edison cylinder player (circa 1913), a 1918 wind-up Victrola phonograph, a 1924 electric Victrola and a 1960s tape deck. "It's like taking a walk through the early years of sound recording," said one recent visitor.

Appointments are required for individuals and groups wishing to visit RSA on the 5th floor of the Wimberly Library on Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus. For further information, please call 561-297-0080. Donations to help support the work of the RSA are gratefully accepted.

Online Access

Search for sound recordings by title or performer. Browse RSA's catalogue of over 100,000 recorded songs.

Judaic Collection: the largest online resource for Jewish music in the world (rsa.fau.edu/judaic).

Vintage Children's Music: more than 1,200 children's records digitized and scanned, including hundreds rescued and restored following damage caused by SuperStorm Sandy.

Picture Records: close to 100 rare picture records featuring original artwork produced in the 1940s.

Jazz: tens of thousands of Jazz and Vintage Recordings produced since 1910.

RSA Blog: music highlights, behind the scenes stories, performer profiles and more. Like us on Facebook and subscribe to the RSA blog.

Visit our website at rsa.fau.edu

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RECORDED SOUND ARCHIVES
Wimberly Library
777 Glades Road • P.O. Box 3092
Boca Raton, FL 33431-0992
561-297-0080
soundarchives@fau.edu
Visitor appointments are required.
Music Rescue

From trash to treasure: RSA seeks out recordings, especially from the first half of the 20th century.

Preservation

A safe haven: RSA provides a safe and protected environment for the storage of sound recordings.

Digitization

Media Transfer: digitization allows RSA to bring the music from the past to the present.

Sound Restoration

Better than ever: from using a hand-made contraption for washing recordings to state-of-the-art technology, RSA strives to find the most effective methods for enhancing sound degraded by wear and damage.

Streaming Audio

A personal music library: thousands of songs digitized so you can hear them free of charge (rsu.fau.edu).

Please Note: copyright protected songs may not be available on the RSA public website.

Scholarly Research

Serious study: RSA password-protected online Research Station allows students, teachers and scholars to conduct in-depth study of copyrighted materials not available on the RSA website.