Oral Traditions and Performing Arts in Mongolia

Sounds from Mongolian Grasslands

CD collection on Mongolian Epics, Tales and Legends, Benedictions, Odes, Folk Performing Arts, Shamanic and Buddhist Heritage, Folk Long Songs, Folk Short Songs, and Storytelling

Restored analogue sounds on Mongolian intangible cultural heritage collected since the 1950s by the Institute of Language and Literature in Mongolia

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Beginning in the 1950s, the Institute of Language and Literature (ILL) at the Academy of Sciences has been sending survey teams one to three times a year to research and gather data on oral literature and local dialects. These activities set the groundwork for officially establishing a new archive with written documents and magnetic audio tapes that could be used for research purposes and be maintained. Along with sending the survey teams, individuals and bearers from the local areas were invited to the institute, and their repertoires were recorded on magnetic tapes.

Since the 1950s, the ILL began strengthening its research and studies on local dialects of the Mongolian language, and consequently the ILL established the relevant database. In 1955, the ILL was provided with the required technical equipment and supplies for audio recordings, and it began systematically researching folk performing arts. In 1961, the phonetics laboratory and the archive of written materials and magnetic tapes were officially established at the ILL. The research materials and reports collected from the field surveys that were conducted from the 1950s to the 1990s are being kept at the institute. Since 2008, efforts have been made to improve the preservation and maintenance of the materials at the institute, and in 2011, a new unit called the Fund of Songs and Phonetics was established at the ILL.

The superannuated magnetic tapes being kept at the ILL include about 1,200 hours of recordings, including a rich repertoire of epics, folktales, tales accompanied by the *morin khuur* (horsehead fiddle), folk songs, benedictions, odes, riddles, proverbs, and oral traditions related to shamanistic rituals, Buddhist rituals, and traditional customs. Individuals, experts, and scholars who worked at the ILL, including B. Rinchen, A. Luvsandendev, E. Vandui, Kh. Luvsanbaldan, J. Tsoo, B. Shinkhhuu, D. Sanjajamts, D. Tserensodnom, G. Gantovtokh, D. Uulibayar, Ts. Shagdarsuren, B. Sumyabaatar, Kh. Sampildendev, and L. Bold, have greatly contributed and played significant roles in establishing the Fund and collecting materials.

Preserved on magnetic tapes are languages and dialects that have gone extinct, have lost their distinctiveness, or have been absorbed into other languages or dialects. This increases the historic and academic value of the data on the magnetic tapes. However, most of the magnetic tapes being kept at the ILL are more than sixty years old, and the expiration date on many tapes has already lapsed. Also, improper storage conditions have caused some tapes to dry out, cling to one another, or fracture. For these reasons, there is a need to restore and digitise the data on these magnetic tapes and to improve storage conditions. Accordingly, since 2008, efforts have been made towards restoring and digitising superannuated magnetic tapes within the internal capability and capacity of the ILL. The lack of training, finance, and proper tools and technical equipment has, nevertheless, created several obstacles and the digitising results have not been very successful. At this crucial state, the ILL has submitted several requests and proposals for financial and technical support to several domestic and foreign entities and organisations.

1 A traditional two-stringed instrument that its tuning pegs attached to a block that has been carved into the shape of a horse’s head.
In 2009, the authorities of the ILL introduced a cooperative request to the Foundation for the Protection of Natural and Cultural Heritage (FPNCH), and since then, the two organisations have started to collaborate on the possibilities of restoring and digitising the superannuated magnetic tapes.

Established in 2000, the FPNCH conducts various activities to preserve, study, disseminate, and promote the natural and cultural heritage of Mongolia and the world. The FPNCH is the first Mongolian organisation to be accredited by UNESCO, and it is responsible for providing consultative services to the Intergovernmental Committee of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Accordingly, the FPNCH proposed to the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP) to continue the joint project and take measures for restoring and digitising superannuated magnetic tapes and distributing and disseminating the data among the general public. In this regard, ICHCAP, considering the project proposal, sent a research team to Mongolia to make an onsite evaluation on the current situation, and the decision was made to continue joint activities. According to the above decision, the FPNCH and ICHCAP implemented the Joint Cooperation Project of Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage by Utilising Information Technology from October 2011 to April 2012. Within the framework of the project, the following results were achieved:

- The superannuated ICH-related data in the archives of the ILL was restored and digitised
- The digitised data in the established database was transferred to CDs
- Selected restored and digitalised data was used to produce a set of ten CDs
- The restored and digitised data was used to make an introductory website of ICH

As the main goal of the project, a total of 715 hours of superannuated magnetic tapes including epics, folktales, tales accompanied by the morin khuur, traditional arts, khuumee2, choor3, long and short folk songs, benedictions, odes, riddles, proverbs, and oral traditions related to shamanistic rituals, Buddhist rituals, and traditional customs were restored, digitised, and categorised. This ten-CD set presents selected ICH from the database.

2 Khuumee comes from khuumii, a unique Mongolian singing method in which one singer makes more than two different sounds simultaneously
3 A traditional wind instrument pipe
1. Veteran Tsagaan Uvgun, Argil Tsagaan Uvgun
B. Avirmed (Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1972)
09'51"

2. Khuder Mungun Tseve
S. Choisuren (Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1972)
09'23"

3. With Wide Bottom, Brown Horse, Khangal Tashaa Khar Kheer Moritoi Khaan Tsergiin Uvgun
Ts. Zodov (Durvud ethnicity) from Bukhmurun, Uvs. (1980)
09'05"

4. Lazy Tsagaan Khaan, Khashin Tsagaan Khaan
G. Khainzan (Durvud ethnicity) from Ulaangom, Uvs. (1975)
10'37"

5. 3-Year-Old Gunan Bodon Khuu, Gurvan Nastai Gunan Bodon Khuu
G. Od (Khalkha ethnicity) from Erdenebulgan, Khuvsgul. (1980)
08'37"

6. Altan Gurgaldai Khaan
L. Tsermaa (Khalkha ethnicity) from Tariat, Arkhangai. (1977)
09'52"

7. Altan Khart Torts
M. Yadmaa (Torguud ethnicity) from Bulgan, Khovd. (1983)
09'15"

Epics 1

Tales are an important genre of the oral prose literature of the Mongolians. Tales typically begin with the phrase “Once upon a time, in such- and- such a place, in such- and- such a country.” Mongolian tales are symbolic. The most frequent ending is “and they lived happily ever after.” The legends are a popular genre of oral prose literature. The real- life legends are always complementary expressions of historical events within folk literature. Historical facts are usually adorned with fanciful magic and metaphorical devices to later become historical legends. Among the restored and digitised data, the tales take up the most recording hours. Within the framework of the project, over two hundred hours of tales and almost fourteen hours of legends were restored and digitised.

8. Tale: Three Brothers, Akh Duu Gurev
08'34"

9. Tale: Buriadin Grandfather Fell into Water, Buriadin Uvgun Jivjeenee
B. Garamjav (77-year-old male, Khori buriad ethnicity) from Batshireet, Khentii. (1979)
10'54"

10. Tale: Ghostly Khaan Shanag, Chutguriin Khaan Shanag
L. Jambaa (Khalkha ethnicity) from Sevrei, Umnugovi. (1982)
09'02"

Tales and Legends

1. Legend: Khaj Shaman has Swallowed, Khaj Zairan Buud Iduulsen Ni
B. Sanduijav (59-year-old male) from Rinchenlkhumbe, Khuvsgul. (1979)
02'58"

2. Tale: About Bringing Religion from Avtai Sain Port in Tibet, Avtai Sain Khaan Shashniig Tubduus Avsan Tukhai
B. Garamjav (77-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Batshireet, Khentii. (1983)
07'21"

3. Tale: Altain Benediction, Altain Magtaal
B. Avirmed (Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1972)
16'13"

4. Tale: Good and Evil, Sain Sanaat, Muu Sanaat Khoyor
05'35"

5. Tale: Mercyful Ezen Khaan, Uglugiin Ezen Khan
07'23"

6. Tale: Altain Benediction, Altain Magtaal
B. Avirmed (Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1972)
16'13"

7. Tale: Altain Benediction, Altain Magtaal
B. Avirmed (Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1972)
30'52"

Epics 2

Tales and Legends

1. Legend: About Ongiin River, Ongiin Goliin Tukhai
04'10"
11. Tale: Cunning Yellow Fox, Argat Shar Uneg
Y. Gonchigsuren (male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Bayankhongor. (1979)
03'42"

12. Tale: Adventure Story of a Hunter, Aschii Payan
N. Gavaa (male, Khorgoo ethnicity) from Tsetserleg, Khuvsgul.
07'10"

Benedictions

Mongolian well-wishing is a powerful expression of the miraculous capacity of words. It is one of the genres of Mongolian oral poetry that uses melodies. Briefly, benedictions (well-wishing) propitiate people's future happiness and well-being through skilfully composed and recited poems. There are thousands of benedictions on various subjects. For instance there are benedictions recited while beating the sweat cloth of a saddle, while distilling milk vodka, while celebrating a birth, and while cutting an infant's hair for the first time. Besides ancient benedictions, many contemporary benedictions are being kept at the ILL. These include benedictions for a new ger, weddings, a child's first haircut, endowment practices, mare-milking ceremonies, foal-branding ceremonies, the People's Revolution, and others for the military.

1. Jagsaa Blessing Ritual, Old Benediction, Jagsaa Dallagiin Khuuchnii Yuruul
N. Gombojav (60-year-old male) from Jargalan, Zavkhan. (1983)
01'43"

2. Blessing Ritual, Dallagiin Yuruul
Dembee (Khalkha ethnicity) from Erdenetsogt, Bayankhongor. (1988)
01'33"

3. Benediction of Gerlin 5, Gerlin Yuruul
P. Tsarerdulam (55-year-old female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Bayangol, Uvurkhangai. (1983)
07'47"

4. Benediction of Gerlin, Gerlin Yuruul
S. Meeten (50-year-old male, Durvud ethnicity) from Khargas, Uvs. (1979)
01'10"

5. Benediction of Gerlin, Gerlin Yuruul
Dandii (Durvud ethnicity) from Khargas, Uvs. (1982)
01'12"

6. Benediction of Wedding, Khurimiin Yuruul
D. Sungarav (Durvud ethnicity) from Dzungh, Khovd. (1981)
03'59"

7. Benediction of Party, Marinii Yuruul
S. Chutan (75-year-old male, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975)
01'13"

8. Benediction of Uutsnii 5, Uutsnii Yuruul
G. Khianzai (Durvud ethnicity) from Chandmani, Uvs. (1976)
01'21"

9. Ritual of Cutting Downy Hair of a Baby, Khuuchdliniin Uyin Yuruul
Sandag (Durvud ethnicity) from Ulaangeren, Uvs. (1978)
00'39"

10. Benediction of Bringing Mare's Forth, Ginnii Urs Gargah Yuruul
G. Orog (47-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Mandala-Ovoo, Umnugovi. (1982)
02'04"

11. Benediction of Bayan Tamgiin, Bayan Tamgiin Yuruul
B. Manaljav (49-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Darkhan, Khanjii. (1978)
02'49"

12. Benediction of Branding Cattle to a Foal, Unaga Tangalal Yuruul
B. Manaljav (54-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Darkhan, Khanjii. (1983)
03'59"

13. Benediction of Shepherd, Malchnii Yuruul
Ch. Angaalanzan (Khalkha ethnicity) from Battsengel, Arkhangai. (1982)
01'13"

14. Benediction on the Army, Tsarinii Tukhai Yuruul
J. Chalkhaa (67-year-old male, Dariganga ethnicity) from Sainshand, Dornogovi. (1983)
01'29"

15. Benediction for a Young Man who is Steering Camels, Ilgeriin Uut Eten Tseemechlin Zaluuchuudbad Zotulsan Yuruul
04'32"

16. Benediction on Negdelchdiin, Negdelchdiin Tukhai Yuruul
D. Sungarav (male, Durvud ethnicity) from Dzungh, Khovd. (1981)
02'09"

17. Benediction of Felt, Egiiniin Yuruul
N. Gombojav (60-year-old male) from Jargalan, Zavkhan.
00'15"

4 A traditional house

5 Traditional food made from the whole body of a boiled lamb that is served during a Mongolian folk holiday
An ode is an expression of noble feelings of some events and it is linked to certain ceremonies. There are many common characteristics among benedictions and odes. People who recite odes can perform them to a very specific tune. Benedictions are rich in expressing future dreams and fantastical thinking. But odes express present events, as well as people’s pride, admiration, and enthusiasm. There were just over ten hours of restored and digitised odes.

### Odes

1. **Altan Ode**, **Altan Magtaal**  
   D. Sungarav (male, Durvud ethnicity) from Durgun, Khovd. (1981)  
   03’15”
2. **Altan Govin Ode**, **Altan Goviin Magtaal**  
   T. Purvee (41-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Zuungovi, Uvs. (1971)  
   02’18”
3. **Twelve God’s Ode**, **Arvan Khoyor Jiliin Magtaal**  
   G. Avirmed (78-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Tarialan, Uvs. (1978)  
   02’36”
4. **Ode by a Foal Bayan Khodoodnii**, **Bayan Khodoodnii Daaganii Tsol**  
   B. Manaljav (54-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Darkhan, Khentii. (1983)  
   03’44”
5. **Ode by a Horse Bayan Khodoodnii**, **Bayan Khodoodnii Morinii Tsol**  
   B. Manaljav (49-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Darkhan, Khentii. (1978)  
   01’39”
6. **Ode by Bulnai Summiin**, **Bulnai Sumiin Magtaal**  
   Zagdragchaa and Tserennadmid from Bulnai, Zavkhan. (1972)  
   02’32”
7. **Buriad Archery Ode**, **Buriad Suriin Magtaal**  
   A. Bazargur (71-year-old male, Buriad ethnicity) from Bayandun, Dornod. (1980)  
   03’07”
8. **Ode of Undur Khukhiin Mountain**, **Undur Khukhiin Magtaal**  
   D. Sungarav (male, Durvud ethnicity) from Durgun, Khovd. (1981)  
   02’43”
9. **Undur Shireetiin Ode**, **Undur Shireetiin Magtaal**  
   Dulmaa and Ochirpurev from Undurshireet, Tuv. (1975)  
   04’28”
10. **Ode of Five Livestocks**, **Tavan Khoshuu Maliin Magtaal**  
    T. Enkhbalsan (37-year-old male, Zakhchin ethnicity) from Mankhan, Khovd. (1977)  
    02’27”
11. **Tursun Hometown Ode**, **Tursun Nutgiin Magtaal**  
    T. Enkhbalsan (37-year-old male, Zakhchin ethnicity) from Mankhan, Khovd. (1977)  
    01’06”
12. **Juurai Gelden**, **Joroo Morinii Yavdal**  
   D. Nyamaa (42-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Zuungovi, Uvs. (1979)  
   01’06”
13. **Zakhchinii’s Biyelgeenii Khuria**, **Zakhchinii Biyelgeenii Khuria**  
   D. Bukhchuluun (48-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Mankhan, Khovd. (1975)  
   02’02”

### Folk Performing Arts

This CD presents a selection of the best, most distinct, and most outstanding works of Mongolian folk performing arts, which acknowledges their contribution to the cultural diversity of humanity.

1. **Tsaagaan Mountain in Avgiin**, **Avgiin Tsagaan Uul**, and **Ulaan Mountain**, **Ulaan Uul**  
   (khulsan khuur)

2. **Benediction of Altai Khangai**, **Altai Khangai Magtaal**  
   (tsuur)

3. **Chanting of Four Oirdiin Ethnic Groups**, **Durvun Oirdiin Uria**  
   (morin khuur)

4. **Duutiin Alia Shar Chamel’s Builgaa**, **Duutiin Alia Shar Temeenii Builgaa**  
   (tsuur)

5. **A Walk of Pony**, **Joroo Morinii Yavdal**  
   (morin khuur melody)

6. **Zakhchinii’s Biyelgeenii Khuria**, **Zakhchinii Biyelgeenii Khuria**  
   (ikel)

7. **A Walk of a Horse**, **Morinii Yavdal**  
   (morin khuur melody)

8. **A Narrow Log Gate**, **Nariin Dunzen Khaalga**  
   (morin khuur melody)

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A Jew’s harp made of bamboo  
A traditional woodwind instrument  
A traditional folk instrument on which a head of horse is carved (horsehead fiddle)  
Local folk song  
A traditional dance specifically using shoulder and arm joints  
A rabbit string instrument that is similar to morin khuur and used in the west coast
1. Dance Music of Dayan Deerkhiin, Dayan Deerkhiin Duudlaga
Shaman Dorj (78-year-old male, Darkhad ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Uur, Khuvsgul. (1985) 07'48"

2. Dance Music of Buyan Khishing Dallah, Buyan Khishig Dallah Tamlaga
S. Ayush (63-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 03'29"

3. Dance Music of Khuren Ongoniin, Khuren Ongoniin Tamlaga
S. Ayush (63-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 01'58"

4. Dance Music of Shaman, Buugiin Tamlaga
D. Purev (58-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 01'22"

5. Khar Ongodiin Dance Music of Shaman, Buugiin Khar Ongodiin Duudlaga
S. Chultem (75-year-old male, Uriankhai ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 00'33"

6. Dance Music of Khariin Zugiin, Khariin Zugiin Buugiin Duudlaga
N. Gavaa (66-year-old male, Khotgoid ethnicity) from Tsetserleg, Khuvsgul. (1972) 00'36"

7. Dance Music of Chandaganii, Chandaganii Tamlaga
S. Ayush (63-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 03'23"

8. Setrin Dance Music of Khukh Morinii, Khukh Morinii Setriin Tamlaga
S. Ayush (63-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 01'20"

9. Dance Music of Khar Serkh Seterlej Avsan Ongod, Khar Serkh Seterlej Avsan Ongod Duudakh Tamlaga
S. Ayush (63-year-old female, Tuva ethnicity) from Tsengel, Bayan-Ulgii. (1975) 02'29"

10. Manich Chanting, Maaniin Aya
B. Dahsa (70-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Uur, Khuvsgul. (1985) 01'43"

11. Manich Chanting Hymn, Maani Khugjuukh Aya
B. Dahsa (70-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Uur, Khuvsgul. (1985) 00'41"

12. Manich Sutra Chanting, Maaniin Unshlaga
N. Tseveenregzen (52-year-old female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Undurshgireet, Tuv. (1969) 02'12"

13. Pelden of Namnan Gambiin, Namnan Gambiin Pelden
(Y. Jamba (75-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Delgerkhaan, Tuv. (1969) 05'04"

14. A traditional flute for playing short benedicitions

15. A traditional instrument played with fingernails

16. A traditional percussion instrument

17. A Jew’s harp made of iron

This CD presents a selection from shamanic and Buddhist religious oral expressions, including recitation of shamanic verses and Buddhist services.
Folk Long Songs

Mongolian folk songs are divided in three different categories, such as long songs, short songs and the authors’ songs. Folk songs are shorter than other forms of expressions with average durations of one to five minutes, but there is a high volume of them. Thus, restoring, categorising, and digitising folk songs were the most time-consuming tasks compared to others. Within the framework of the project, just under forty-eight hours of songs were restored and digitised.

1. A Slender and Beautiful Brown Horse, Nariin Saikhan Kheer
A. Nansan (male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Songino, Zavkhan. (1987) 02'42"

2. A Fast Light Reddish Brown Swift Horse, Argamag Khurdan Sharga
J. Jugder (female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Telmen, Zavkhan. (1981) 02'24"

3. Greatness of Sanctity, Bogdiin Undur
G. Purev and A. Nansal (male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Songino, Zavkhan. (1981) 02'31"

4. Four Seasons, Durvun Tsag
D. Tserensonom (42-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Ovoo, Dundgovi. 02'15"

5. Joro of a Pony, Jorooniin Joro
T. Bujmaa (56-year-old female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Undurkhan, Khentii. (1983) 02'38"

6. Namgar Namgar Wind, Namgar Namgar Sahki
N. Bulir (female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Telmen, Zavkhan. (1981) 01'50"

7. Songinotinil Lodge, Songinotinil Shil
Degdtsreeren from Nariinidel, Uvurkhangai. (1983) 01'02"

8. Setert Baakhan Sharga
Z. Tsund-Ayush (31-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) Khyargas, Uvs. (1978) 01'09"

9. A Shadow in a Grassland, Tallin Boroo
K. Khantsuren (female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Kharkhandulaan, Uvurkhangai. (1970) 01'52"

10. A Big Red River, Ulaahaa Murunglin Us
B. Lkharen (49-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Must, Khovd. (1980) 01'13"

11. A Shadow in a Vast Grassland Looks Like Wind, Uulen Met Kharaagdach Undur Khangain Baraa
Z. Tsund-Ayush (31-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Khyargas, Uvs. (1978) 01'49"

12. Khelengliniin Bariya, Khelengliniin Barya
G. Dorj (69-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Jargaltkhaan, Khentii. (1974) 01'54"

13. Zebra Kheer, Kheer Khaaltar Mori
G. Dolgorsuren (58-year-old female) from Jargaltkhaan, Khentii. (1974) 02'45"

14. Light Reddish Brown Swift Tsavtsger Horse, Tsavtsger Khurdan Sharga
F. Dorj (42-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Bayangarlan, Tuv. (1969) 01'35"

15.  Er Bor Khartsaga
G. Dulamjav (71-year-old female) from Erdenesant, Tuv. (1979) 04'01"

16. Pampered Brown Horse, Erkhe Zeed Mori
B. Tseveen (68-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Zuungovi, Uvs. (1987) 01'33"

17. Avralin Deed
D. Batbold and B. Sempor (male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Telmen, Zavkhan. (1981) 02'23"

18. Bayantsagaa Hometown, Bayantsagaa Nutag
Z. Tsund-Ayush (36-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Khyargas, Uvs. (1978) 01'16"

19. Hometown Song from Two Khangain, Khoyar Khangain Nutag Duu
S. Tserendoo (58-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Urgamal, Zavkhan. (1979) 01'32"

Folk Short Songs

1. Great Tsogt, Undur Tsogt
G. Davaajii (male, Darkhad ethnicity) from Ulaan-Uul, Khuvsgul. (1985) 00'31"

2. Get Married, Be Happy, Khurimaa Kheegeed Jargaya
J. Jugder (female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Jargaltkhaan, Khentii. (1974) 00'28"
3. Khotgoidiin Foal, Khotgoidiin Unaga
U. Munkhbat (38-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Numrug, Zavkhan. (1970) 05'36"

4. Flutter Snow in Taigiin, Taigiin Tsasand Sargia Yu
L. Norov (61-year-old female, Darkhad ethnicity) from Rinchenlkhumbe, Khuvsgul. (1980) 00'42"

5. Buguutai Khaltar (song of Bayad ethnic groups)
Z. Tsen-Ayush (31-year-old male, Bayad ethnicity) from Khyargas, Uvs. (1978) 01'21"

6. Calm and Gentle Wind, Budarmaar Budartmaar Salkhi
R. Lkhjav (31-year-old female, Khotgoid ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Uul, Khuvsgul. (1980) 01'26"

7. Peppermint, Gaatai Chikher
D. Bukhchuluun (48-year-old male, Durvud ethnicity) from Mankhan, Khovd. (1975) 01'04"

8. Deltai Tsenkher
R. Lkhjav (31-year-old female, Khotgoid ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Uul, Khuvsgul. (1980) 01'15"

9. Nulgarmaa
B. Tsagaankhad (39-year-old male, Uzemchin ethnicity) from Luus, Dundgovi. (1970) 03'59"

10. Toosoi Tolgoin Yoroold
L. Norov (61-year-old female, Darkhad ethnicity) from Rinchenlkhumbe, Khuvsgul. (1980) 00'28"

11. Toosooroo Shuursan Tovog
G. Dorj (47-year-old male, Darkhad ethnicity) from Bayanzurkh, Khuvsgul. (1985) 01'30"

12. Khanaitai Bolokh Sanataal (humorous song)
A group of girls from Bayanzurkh, Khuvsgul. (1985) 01'13"

13. Khazaar Zuuzai
S. Lamjav (62-year-old male, Darkhad ethnicity) from Ulaan-Uul, Khuvsgul. (1980) 01'25"

14. Kugshchuul Golduu Zon
M. Dulmaa (60-year-old female, Buriad ethnicity) and M. Jigmed (57-year-old female, Buriad ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Ovoo, Dornod. (1981) 01'10"

15. The Sun Like Pure Gold, Altan Shar Nar (ring song)
M. Dulmaa (60-year-old female, Burd ethnicity) and M. Jigmed (57-year-old female, Burd ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Ovoo, Dornod. (1981) 01'10"

16. Ongoo Bolov Uu Yagaa Bol
G. Dorj (43-year-old female, Darkhad ethnicity) from Bayanzurkh, Khuvsgul. (1980) 00'25"

17. Song of Uutsiin, Uutsiin Duu (part)
S. Nyam (78-year-old female, Khalkha ethnicity) from Bayandun, Dundgovi. (1978) 10'04"

Storytelling
Storytelling is an oral expression that recalls phenomenal events that occurred in society or human lives. The stories, which are expressed artistically, have a certain level of interest and are unique. The storyteller is an individual who has seen that special event or has heard of the events from other person who knows the event very well. Besides storytelling, this category includes materials of local dialects, folk talks of traditional rituals and customs, and the remembrances. The category of storytelling covers over fifty hours of recordings.

1. Customs and Manners for Performing Epics
B. Avirmed (44-year-old male, Uriankhai ethnicity) from Duut, Khovd. (1975) 09'47"

2. Propose Ritual of Buriads, Burid Ber Guikh Deg Yos
D. Togoo (64-year-old male, Buriad ethnicity) from Tsagaan-Ovoo, Dornod. (1981) 17'42"

3. A Hunter, About Dreams, An Khiikhk, Agirakh, Zuud Manakh Tukhai
J. Talukhai (56-year-old male, Uriankhai ethnicity) from Altantsugts, Bayan-Ulgii. (1977) 06'14"

4. About Tooroi Bandi
G. Gunasauren (male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Bayandelger, Sukhbaatar. (1974) 05'02"

5. About the Name of Sartaul
N. Baatar (51-year-old male, Sartaul ethnicity) from Tudevtei, Zavkhan. (1979) 03'42"

6. About Epic Performers Parchinand and Burdukov
Z. Lkhasuren (77-year-old female, Burd ethnicity) from Khyargas, Uvs. (1974) 05'44"

7. About Beating up the Mayor of Uilastai
K. Naran (72-year-old male, Khalkha ethnicity) from Tudevtei, Zavkhan. (1979) 14'08"
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