

And now for something different...

SOUND EFFECTS

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Sound: the sensation of hearing (Chambers 20th century dictionary).

No Sci-Fi film, television or radio series, concert or play can be complete unless it has its unique and ample assemblage of way-out intergalactic or other sound effects. Some sounds are created on synthesizers, harmonies and other electronic sound benders and then constructed with the aid of multiple multi-track tape decks, others are recorded from genuine sounds. The Library Service stocks an amazing selection of sound CDs, available from the Central Collection (SN). Whether you require two seconds or five minutes of sound for a school play, a business presentation or an amateur production, each sound is produced for a specific event in a specific programme. Yet, each sound stands on its own, whether it be a cry of a baby, thunder and lightning or a complete spacecraft crashing into the sea of an hitherto unknown planet.

Essential animal sound effects (789.912 ESS)

Dogs barking, whining, jumping and snarling, cats meowing, purring and spitting and farm animals such as cows mooing in the yard, hens cackling, pigs feeding, donkeys braying and horses passing at a canter.

Essential combat & disaster sound effects (789.912 ESS)

98 fights, feuds and irreparable incidents, such as combat fighting, weaponry with swords and spears, the footsteps of cowboys with spurs and gun duels. Also disasters, such as raging infernos, erupting volcanoes, hurricanes, tornados, storms at sea and plane crashes. Other useful sound effects are swarming insects, human massacres, riots and restless crowds.

Essential comedy sound effects. Volume 1-2. (789.912 ESS)

These sound effects have in the past been extensively used to enhance such classic comedy shows as *The Goons*, *Round the horne*, *Fawlty Towers* and *Not the nine o'clock news*.

Volume 1 gives you 82 humorous, comical and bizarre sounds, such as human belches and burps, men snoring, wheezing and coughing, fights in pubs, car crashes and

explosions. Other sounds are maniacal laughter, cats with hiccoughs, silly moos, horror toilets and piano's being dragged along. Have you ever wondered what a neurotic duck or an indisposed chicken sounds like?

Volume 2 contains 74 different sounds. Canaries whistling, bubbling sounds, coughing, piano's crashing and doors creaking. Big steam engines and musical explosions. Horses galloping, winding and wooden squeaks and sirens. Bubbling water and water running from a bath are sounds commonly used.

Essential crowd sound effects (789.912 ESS)

Exciting sounds of general chatter, crowds at festivals, a football crowd, and a crowd at a fairground with indistinct music in the background. Interior crowds in a swimming pool, a shopping centre, hospitals and pubs. Often required sounds such as audience reactions, applause, cheers, boos, hisses and laughter.

Essential death & horror sound effects. Volume 1-2. (789.912 ESS)

Volume 1 provides you with 87 terrifying treats. The horrific sound of nails hammered into flesh, the guillotine, heads being chopped off and the firing squad. Monsters and animals such as wolves howling, snakes hissing and bats calling. Further sounds of creaking doors and grave-digging, the closing of a lid on a coffin and fingers being chopped off!

Musical effects and footsteps, such as those used in *Phantom of the opera*, ghostly piano sounds, and footsteps with chains. A falling scream and a premature burial are some more hair-raising sounds.

Volume 2 has 59 sounds, for example, strangulation, heavy breathing and women screaming. Do you require sound effects of weather atmospheres such as thunder-claps, heavy rain and eerie wind? This will be your choice!

This CD even provides you with sounds of sewer rats, assorted gun shots, suicide by gas and a ticking time bomb. Giant killer bees, dragon kill, vultures feeding and a snake pit are more magnificent sounds.

Essential foreign sound effects (789.912 ESS)

Elephants trumpeting and tigers snarling and growling are sounds from the Indian subcontinent, Africa's tropical rainforest and chimpanzees are sounds for outdoor effects.

Switzerland with Alpine cowbells, Hong Kong crowds and traffic, Venice, Italy with a busy canal and passing boat traffic, India's temple crowd in Benares complete with chanting, handclaps, bells and speech sounds.

General sounds from Greece, North America, Morocco, Central African Republic and Madrid, Spain are also featured.

Essential home video sound effects (789.912 ESS)

67 enhancing effects for camcorder use. Hear a firework display, tennis, a fish and chip shop, a betting shop, a pinball machine, a carnival crowd, kids in a playground, and a beach atmosphere. Useful sounds of crowds and places such as an Arabic market, museum atmosphere, large station and



airport terminals. Included are sounds from North Africa, Greece, Italy, Gibraltar, Spain and Holland.

Essential people sound effects (789.912 ESS)

Footsteps on pavements, wooden floors, walking and running are, amongst others, useful sounds on this CD. Medical sounds in hospitals and the dentist. You can hear the sound of darts thrown into a board, skiing, building site sounds and splashes as a person falls into the water.

Essential science fiction sound effects. Volume 1-2. (789.912 ESS)

Volume 1. 81 effects from the BBC's classic Sci-Fi Series, such as *The hitch-hikers guide to the galaxy* with Slartibartfast's aircar-takeoff and Magrathea's alarm, *Dr Who* with the earth shuttle arriving on Argolis, Marshmen and the cloister bell in the Tardis, *Blake's 7* with a scorpio gun, Orac working and an extra-terrestrial heavenly choir and *Earth search* with an UFO landing, space bombs, rapid fire laser guns and a spacecraft crashing into the sea.

Volume 2 with 66 out of this world sound effects has been chosen from the many created at the BBC Radiophonic Workshop and are concerned with the unreal, the supernatural, the elements and far off outer space. A selection of them - laser guns, the spaceships, et cetera, can be used in the same way as conventional sound effects, however, many are atmospheric and should be used as a musical background to any suitable action.

There is outer space sounds like the sea of Mercury and galactic travel, magic and fantasy such as the dance of fire-flies and a wizard flying off, suspense and the supernatural where the sound of psychic fears and fiendish shrieks can be heard.

Essential seasonal birdsong (789.912 ESS)

These are the sounds recorded from woodland and garden birds such as the robin, starling song, wren, blackbird, woodpigeon, long eared owl, heron, turtle dove, cuckoo, carrion crow and the great spotted woodpecker. Late summer and early autumn sounds are also heard, such as an autumn robin, barn owl, magpie and then the end of the year sounds of starlings assembling, pheasant and redwings at roost.

Essential sound effects of babies and children (789.912 ESS)

This CD provides you with the sound of babies and toddlers from two weeks to two years old, crying, feeding and making happy noises, bath-time and playing with toys, tantrums, singing and laughing.

Children and schools, junior and secondary ages in the playground as well as in the classroom, break and lunchtime, cheering, booing and hissing, chattering and fidgeting, playing and working.

Essential sound effects of cars, 1900-1970 (789.912 ESS)

Here it is indicated whether the sound is from the interior or the exterior of the car. Amongst others you have the sound of a 1900 Benz 'Comfortable' that starts up, a door of a 1911 Rolls Royce that opens, a person gets in, the door closes, it starts up and departs, a 1914 Model T Ford hand cranking twice and firing, the revving of a 1922 Morris Bullnose, seven false starts of a 1960 Ford Anglia and a 1970 Bond sports car that starts, manoeuvres, ticks over and switches off.

Essential sound effects of England (789.912 ESS)

Big Ben, bells of an abbey and cathedrals. London landmarks such as Buckingham

Palace and Trafalgar Square. London black taxi's, red double-decker busses, pubs, English country atmospheres and steam trains are unique sounds on this CD.

Essential sound effects of steam engines (789.912 ESS)

The BBC Sound Archive contains numerous recordings of working steam locomotives collected over a period of many years, mainly for the use of sound effects but also for general broadcast use. This selection covers a range of sounds of many different types from throughout the United Kingdom. Some are, unfortunately, undated and some contain unidentified locomotives but are included here for their historical interest or simply because of their sound effect impact.

Essential sounds of the city (789.912 ESS)

City atmospheres such as traffic and pedestrians, a motorway, an airport, shopping centres, pay phones where money is inserted, the receiver replaced and a phone ringing in the callbox are recorded. Available are the sounds of public places like a busy American bar, library and an art gallery. Demolition of masonry with sledgehammers, a chimney being demolished by explosion, electronic noises and alarms are impacted sounds.

Essential transport sound effects. Volume 1-2. (789.912 ESS)

Volume 1 relates to transport sounds on land, such as cars with doors that open and shut, horns blasting, diesel-engine cars, police cars, ambulances and fire brigades. Other road vehicles are diesel trucks, a motorcycle, a bus and a steam train.

Volume 2 relates to transport sounds in the air and the water. Sounds of various aircraft, such as a Cessna light aircraft taking off and landing, a Concord Supersonic jet airliner, a Lancaster Bomber and Harrier Jet are recorded. Sounds of ships, boats, a cabin cruiser, a submarine, a trawler and steam launch are also available.

Essential weather sound effects (789.912 ESS)

Whether you are looking for horror effects or that gentle soft effect then look no further. This CD offers atmospheres and sound effects of rain and hail, snowstorms and blizzards, thunder and lightning, foghorns and avalanches, sea-wash and surf and wind from a breeze to a tornado.

Have fun with these and remember, your next PowerPoint presentation need never be dull again!

