

Activity: Traditional music in Sweden
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FOLK MUSIC

In Sweden, the term "folkmusik" (folk music) usually refers to orally transmitted music of the rural classes in "the old peasant society", as the Swedish expression goes. "Populärmusik" ("popular music") usually refers to "modern" music created foremost for a city audience. As a result of the interchange between these two emerged what may be defined as a "city folklore", which around 1920 was coined "gammeldans" ("old time dance music"). During the last few decades the term "folklig musik" ("folkish music") has become used as an umbrella term for folk music, gammeldans and some other forms of popular music.

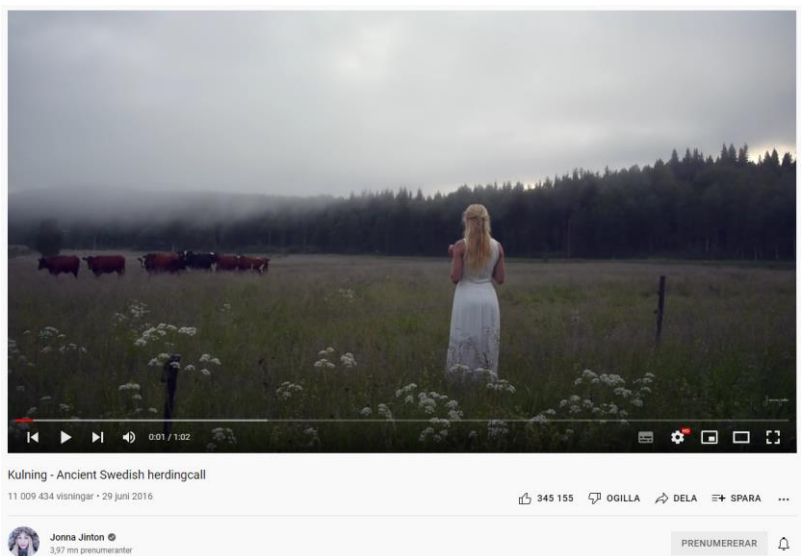
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KULNING An ancient calling

Kulning is a vocalization tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, where singers corral farm animals with hypnotic melodies, luring cows, goats, sheep and ducks towards them as if each note was charged with its own gravity.



A modern version of kulning portrayed online.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc7F_qv3e18