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## **President's Column**Deborah McGrady <dlm4z@cms.mail.virginia.edu>

It has been, once again, an exciting year for the International Machaut Society. You will find herein an overview of scholarly activities related to Machaut for 2008–09. Publications and recordings continue to treat the many facets of his corpus and conferences continue to attract new research in the field. This year at Kalamazoo, our three sessions were strongly attended, with 30–50 members in the audience, and new scholars present on the panels. And we broke records for attendance at our always joyful and boisterous luncheon!

The Society was particularly delighted by the number of high quality submissions received for the Sarah Jane Williams award this year. The award was presented at the Kalamazoo luncheon to Jennifer Saltzstein for her work on generic citation in Machaut's refrains. Following the luncheon she shared her scholarship with the Society and now plans to spend the summer on an article version of the piece. We all hope to see it listed in the IMS Bibliography in the upcoming years!

This newsletter owes a great deal to Ben Albritton who kindly volunteered his services in bringing the materials together as well as Jennifer Bain who oversaw the final stages. For those who have been particularly active in the running of the Society in the past few years, you know well that Janice Zinser also played a formidable role in making sure the newsletter as well as all other functions necessary to the smooth operation of the Society were realized. She is stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer and will be greatly missed, but we are thankful that her Oberlin colleague Jared Hartt has agreed to step into her shoes.

With this issue of the IMS Newsletter, I bid you farewell as President and welcome into the position Jennifer Bain. She has been a wonderful Vice-President and will surely leave her mark as the President of this great Society. See you next year at Kalamazoo and a momentous event it promises to be since IMS will celebrate 25 years in 2010!

#### Announcements

MACHAUT ONLINE, directed by Dr. Elizabeth Eva Leach (Faculty of Music, University of Oxford) and Dr. David Maw (Christ Church, Oxford), announces its project to create a dynamic, electronic edition of Machaut's music. Implementing an innovative concept, the edition will retain the data richness of the manuscript sources of

the compositions as an active component of the text and will enable users to configure these data according to a variety of different editorial approaches. It will also offer users the possibility of constructing and sharing their own editions and of manipulating and supplementing the textual data according to their own criteria in an on-line editorial forum. The edition will be coordinated with manuscript images supplied by DIAMM. An advisory panel for the project is being established, and funding is currently being sought from a number of charitable and government bodies. The Directors will keep the International Machaut Society informed of developments.

Machaut Online was recently the recipient of a Music & Letters Award to cover the cost of preparing digital images of the copy of the *Remede de Fortune* in the manuscript Cambridge, Magdalene College, Pepysian Library, 1594. The music of the *Remede de Fortune* will form a prototype of the edition. The images will be prepared by DIAMM and will be available on their website (www.diamm.ac.uk) for general consultation by all users of that resource in the near future.

FOURTEENTH-CENTURY CITATION PROJECT. The Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Exeter announces the creation of an interactive digital archive of fourteenth-century lyric texts, edited by Dr. Giuliano di Bacco and Dr. Yolanda Plumley and with technical support from Gary Stringer, as part of the ongoing project directed by Yolanda Plumley entitled "Citation and Allusion in the French Ars Nova Chanson and Motet: Memory, Tradition, and Innovation." The text archive, which will become available online later in 2009, will contain approximately 1000 newly edited French motet and song lyrics from c. 1280-1400, including those of Guillaume de Machaut. Other outputs of the project will include a monograph on fourteenth-century French song and lyric by Yolanda Plumley, some scholarly articles on various aspects pertaining to citational practices in the Ars nova by Giuliano Di Bacco and by Yolanda Plumley, and a PhD thesis on citation in the fourteenth-century French-texted motet by Tamsyn Rose-Steel. Further information about the project can be found at <a href="http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/medievalstudies/projects/citation.shtml">http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/medievalstudies/projects/citation.shtml</a>.

## **International Machaut Society Travel Subsidy 2009-10**

The International Machaut Society announces the availability of a travel subsidy in the amount of \$250 to be awarded on a competitive basis to an individual presenting a paper on Machaut at an IMS-sponsored session during the 2009-2010 academic year (including summer 2010). This subsidy will also be available for 2010-11. Eligible applicants will include faculty in the first three years post-PhD, graduate students, independent scholars, and part-time faculty.

An application form should be requested no later than November 8 from Jared Hartt, IMS Secretary-Treasurer (Jared.Hartt@oberlin.edu), and should be completed and returned no later than November 15, for consideration by the IMS Board of Directors. Applicants for the travel subsidy will be informed of the IMS Board of Directors' decision by December 15.

# IMS at the 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies May 13-16, 2010

For next year at Kalamazoo we have proposed three sessions: Contextualizing Machaut; International Machaut Society 25 years: Then and Now (Roundtable); and Digital Resources and the Study of Machaut (Roundtable). We encourage submissions on all topics relating to the life, works, and times of Guillaume de Machaut (c. 1300-77), especially those that touch on interdisciplinary issues.

For more information, or to submit a paper proposal, please contact: Jennifer Bain, Dept. of Music, Dalhousie University, 6101 University Avenue, Halifax, NS, B3H 4R2, Canada (email: <a href="mailto:bainj@dal.ca">bainj@dal.ca</a>; fax [especially for Abstract Cover Sheets]: 902-494-2801). SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009. Proposals should include an abstract of no more than 300 words and a completed Abstract Cover Sheet required by the Medieval Institute (available at <a href="http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/submissions.html">http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/submissions.html</a>).

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*Voir Dit.* The analysis offers insights into the perception of words and music, and the role of reading, writing, and memory in manuscript production.

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## **Upcoming Conference Sessions**

#### Early Book Society - Exeter, July 2009

- Helen Swift will chair a session entitled: "New Perspectives on Machaut MSS" featuring R. Barton Palmer and Kate Maxwell.
- Yolanda Plumley will give a plenary lecture entitled: "The Art of Citation: Tracing Hidden Voices in Late Medieval Song"

### **Completed Conference Sessions**

## Annual Meeting, American Musicological Society And Society For Music Theory - Nashville, November 6-9, 2008

John Koslovsky (Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester): Primäre Klangformen, Linearität, oder Auskomponierung?: The Analysis of Medieval Polyphony and the Critique of Musicology in the Early Work of Felix Salzer

Jared C. Hartt (Oberlin College Conservatory of Music): The Speedy Secular Tenor in Machaut's Motets

## Citation, Intertextuality, Memory In The Middle Ages: Text, Music, Image - University Of Exeter, January 29-30, 2009

Session 4 (Chair: Yolanda Plumley, University of Exeter)

Jacques Boogaart (University of Amsterdam): Citation and transformation in Machaut's musical works: the follies of the sighing lover in Motet 2

Benjamin Albritton (University of Washington, - Corpus Christi College, Cambridge): Translation and parody: responses to Machaut's *Lay de confort* 

Followed by "Citation, Intertextuality and Memory - An Illustrative Concert" by the Ensemble Le Basile

Session 5 (Chair: Sarah Kay, Princeton University)

Barton Palmer (Clemson University): The rhetoric of allusion in Machaut's Fonteinne amoureuse

#### Oxford Medieval Graduate Conference, Friday, April 3, 2009

Session One: Games of Love

Lewis Beer (University of Warwick): The Love Poet as Gambler: Boethian Ethics in Machaut's *Remede de Fortune* 

#### Machaut at Kalamazoo, Saturday, May 9, 2009

#### Machaut and His Influences (10:00 a.m. Session 426 Bernhard 204)

Presider: Deborah McGrady (University of Virginia)

Domenic Leo (Youngstown State University): Pictorial Morphing: Ovid in Illuminated Machaut Manuscripts Eliza Zingesser (Princeton University): Machaut and Boethius: A Reconsideration of the Prologue and the *Remede de fortune* 

Benjamin Albritton (University of Washington-Seattle): Machaut and the Narcissus Exemplum in Text and Music

International Machaut Society Business Meeting and lunch (12:00 p.m. Bernhard 205)

#### Lyric and Song in Machaut (1:30 p.m. Session 481 Bernhard 157)

Presider: Deborah McGrady (University of Virginia)

Jennifer Saltzstein (University of Oklahoma): Citation, Generic Transformation, and "Puis qu'il vous plaist": Machaut at the Crossroads of Lyrics and Song

Julie Singer (Washington University in St. Louis): Machaut's Prosthetic Insertions: Between Remediation and Remedy

Yolanda Plumley (Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Exeter): Reading the *Loange des dames*: Self-Citation and Machaut's Lyric Process

#### Recordings and Performance of Machaut's Music (3:30 p.m. Session 538 Bernhard 157)

Presider: Jennifer Bain (Dalhousie University)

Kirsten Yri (Wilfrid Laurier University): A Historiographical Analysis of Recordings of Machaut's *Messe de nostre dame* 

Lawrence M. Earp (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Machaut's Secular Songs

Jared C. Hartt (Oberlin College Conservatory of Music): Recording Machaut's Motets

### **International Machaut Society**

(Statement from the web page)

The International Machaut Society is a not-for-profit scholarly organization founded in 1985 and devoted to the study, criticism, performance, research, and exchange of ideas related to all aspects of the works of the poet and composer Guillaume de Machaut (ca. 1300-1377) and their manuscript and performance traditions.

Fields of inquiry fostered by the Society include, but are not limited to: literary history and criticism; music history, criticism, and theory; the performing arts; art history; and codicology. Study and performance of works of other poets and composers or of other performance and manuscript traditions are also included within activities sponsored by the Society insofar as they contribute significantly to the study of the background, context, or influence of the works of Machaut.

The Society encourages membership with the broadest possible international representation and currently boasts members from almost every continent. Any person may become a member of the International Machaut Society upon payment of dues. Right now we are unfortunately only able to accept U. S. funds, but we are looking into other options.

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## **International Machaut Society Dues for 2009-10**

We invite you to renew your membership or to become a member of the International Machaut Society. The annual IMS membership extends from May one year to the following May. Dues are \$10.00 (USD) per year for the fully employed, \$5.00 (USD) per year for others (student, part-time faculty, etc.). Your dues support the Sarah Jane Williams award, a travel stipend, and the print publication of the IMS newsletter *Ymaginer*. Payment may be for a single year or for several years at once. Your payment will be acknowledged upon receipt.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "International Machaut Society." (Your check or money order should be in US dollars, please. For those outside the U.S.A., we can report that we are currently working out a way of accepting PayPal; we will send out a notice to the membership once it's in place.) You may send your check or money order with this form to: Jared Hartt, Secretary/Treasurer IMS, 105 Pyle Rd., Oberlin, OH 44074 USA.

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