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IMS President's Address

Welcome to another edition of *Ymaginer*, and what a year this has been! I am very honored to be your new president and I thank Kathleen Wilson Ruffo for her fantastic work in the role over the previous two years. I am also glad that she will be continuing to serve us as Vice President.

Last year I presented a humorous take on Machaut in lockdown. This year, post-lockdown but still in the midst of a pandemic, my thoughts have turned from humor to gratitude. I spent many hours during lockdown working on Machaut-related research and while the balancing act of working from home under far-fromideal conditions was hard, I got an enormous amount of joy from returning to stories such as the *Remede de Fortune*. In my darker moments, reading how Machaut's nervous narrator overcame his anxiety made me feel less alone and I was struck by – despite its extraordinary complexity – how relatable his writing can be. I was also aware that at a time of global insecurity, Machaut has been instrumental in the careers of so many of us in the IMS, allowing us to teach and research in a field that we love. For this reason, I am heartened to see how many new publications and dissertations have appeared over the last few years and I am especially excited to see new scholars engaging with the music, literature and manuscripts of Machaut and his milieu. To all of you who have produced new scholarship during such difficult times: we are enormously grateful. To those who have paused their work because illness or family duties have taken precedence, we send you our support and eagerly await your return.

I want to thank Lawrence Earp for continuing his tireless work on Machaut bibliography. Once again, he has compiled an impressive list – included below and spanning multiple disciplines – that will be of immense use to scholars in our field. To the list that Larry has compiled, we add one more item: the forthcoming Festschrift for Larry himself (see below for details). This volume not only highlights the flourishing of Machaut studies since the publication in 1995 of his *Guillaume de Machaut: A Guide to Research*, but demonstrates that our work on Machaut and related topics remains vibrant. Many of the chapters therein offer new discoveries and perspectives, laying the groundwork for future scholarship. It was a pleasure and honor to work with my co-editors, Jared Hartt and Benjamin Albritton, as well as the fantastic line-up of contributors.

At the time of composing this letter, in the United Kingdom we have learnt of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. This has engendered sadness for many alongside questions of what it means to have traditions dating back 1,000 years. Our medieval past sits with our twenty-first century present. For me, I am reminded of Machaut's service to royal and aristocratic female patrons and how his authorial identity was shaped by the lives and deaths of these powerful women. Several chapters in the new Festschrift highlight Machaut's importance for these women and shed new light on how his work was influenced by these relationships.

Reflecting on monarchy is a difficult thing in this modern world. Displays of pageantry, so comforting for some, evoke more complex and troubling reminders for others as they reflect with sadness on the colonial past of many European countries. I respect both positions. Yet, in the modern academy we are striving

towards the decolonisation of our processes and ideas and towards a more inclusive and diverse space for our research and teaching. As such, it is important that we acknowledge work that needs to be done to include different viewpoints and that we take part in difficult conversations. I have always been proud that our society is a warm and welcoming space. I urge all our members to encourage new and diverse voices and let potential Machaut scholars out there know that we will welcome them regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality, or disability.

This year we met online again for the Kalamazoo International Medieval Congress. We hosted two sessions, a roundtable entitled "There's No Business Like Machaut Business" and a session of papers entitled "Women Making Noise". The first session highlighted some exciting digital projects: Benjamin Albritton presented on a project on text recognition for manuscripts; Anne Stone showcased her new digital research environment for the *Remede*; and I gave a sneak preview of the citation network diagram for Machaut studies that I created for Larry Earp's Festschrift. In "Women Making Noise" we heard Kate Maxwell speak on Toute Belle and the construction of female voice, followed by Ciara Ann O'Flaherty discussing women in fifteenth-century poetic soundscapes, and Kortney Stern presenting on the politics of silence in Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*. All three papers took us beyond a Machaut-centric view, and I was glad to see new voices broadening the scope of our society's focus.

In this spirit of continuing to broaden our scope and include new outlooks, I urge all members to seek out underrepresented people and perspectives in promoting our upcoming Kalamazoo 2023 sessions (details of these can be found below and the deadline looms). We are delighted to have had three sessions accepted, all of which lend themselves well to diverse voices and interpretations.

Wishing you all joie, plaisence, et douce norriture,

TAMSYN MAHONEY-STEEL President of the IMS

In memoriam

We sadly note the passing of the literary scholar Douglas Kelly, who died in Madison, Wisconsin, on 21 March 2022 at the age of 87. He contributed so much to Machaut studies, from his *Medieval Imagination: Rhetoric and the Poetry of Courtly Love* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1978) to *Machaut and the Medieval Apprenticeship Tradition: Truth, Fiction and Poetic Craft* (Cambridge, Brewer, 2014), and much in between. See the detailed memorial celebrating his life and career by Keith Busby, 'In Memoriam: Douglas Kelly (1934–2022)', *Arthuriana* 32.2 (2022): 104–6; it is also published in the Journal of the International Arthurian Society (JIAS).

Kalamazoo 2023 - Call for papers

We are pleased to announce that the Kalamazoo ICMS committee has approved three Machautrelated sessions for the 2023 conference (May 11–13, 2023). All sessions will be in-person. Please see below for the descriptions. You can submit a proposal via the Western Michigan University portal (https://wmich.edu/medievalcongress/call). Scroll down slightly for the green 'make a proposal' button.

Proposals are due by Thursday, September 15, 2022 and must be submitted via the link above.

Please contact Tamsyn (TMahoney-Steeleuclan.ac.uk) if you have any questions. Please forward this call to colleagues and students whom you believe would be interested. We are eager to diversify our membership and welcome session participants from underrepresented groups, so do encourage those who have not traditionally been active in Machaut studies and let them know we encourage new people and new ideas.

Mapping Machaut (Session of Papers)

For this session we invite proposals that explore aspects of place, location and mapping in relation to Guillaume de Machaut, his milieu and studies about him. Recognizing the growing interest in spatial humanities, contributions could focus on the geographic pinpointing of fourteenth-century artists and patrons or the exploration of the itinerant careers of poets and composers. Analyses of literary depictions of place, movement and relocation are also welcome, as well as approaches that consider the provenance and movement of manuscripts or more abstract considerations such as the relocation of Machaut and his contemporaries within modern scholarly contexts.

Minding the Gaps: Distance, Absence, Silence, and Potential (Session of Papers)

What value lies in the void? This session delves into the spaces, pauses, and absences present in later medieval experience, to assess the idea of 'the gap' and its potentialities across a variety of contexts and media. Distance and absence long structured humandivine relations, but other gaps emerging in musical, literary, material and artistic initiatives were equally palpable, through association with missing or fragmented material; marginalized subjects; formal experimentation; sensory or cognitive (dis)connection. Open to diverse perspectives, we welcome papers that probe any of these issues or even gaps in modern academic practice involving, for instance, editing and translation processes, digital resources, or cross-disciplinary dynamics.

Phenomenology of Performance

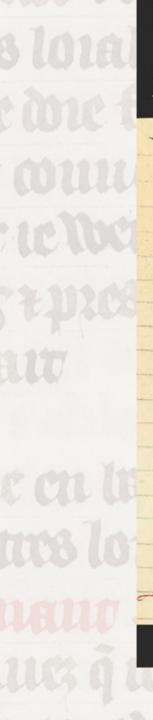
(A Roundtable)

We invite proposals for roundtable contributions that explore or portray the experience of performing medieval music, theater or poetry. Contributors can investigate performance archaeology, questioning medieval practices, instruments and venues; or focus on modern techniques and evolving styles. This can be directly or indirectly related to Machaut and his milieu. Rather than offer analysis on the experience of performance attendees or the reception of works, we encourage participants to investigate or exemplify the lived or embodied experience of performance and performers. We welcome presentation media including but not limited to speech, live or recorded sound, video, sign language, and dance.

Special Announcement

We are delighted to announce the forthcoming publication of a Festschrift in honor of Lawrence Earp Jared C. Hartt, Tamsyn Mahoney-Steel & Benjamin L. Albritton. 2022. *Manuscripts, Music, Machaut: Essays in Honor of Lawrence Earp* (Turnhout: Brepols)

Celebrating the 70th birthday of our esteemed guide, the volume contains new scholarship from twenty-seven contributors working on various aspects of manuscripts, music and Machaut! <u>Order your copy from the Brepols website</u>. https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503602998-1



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Gobeille, Christopher Jackson. 2022. 'Doctrinal Transmission in Guillaume de Machaut: Aristotelian Memory and Poetico-Musical Mnemonics' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of California, Los Angeles). Order No. 29213102

Abstract (abridged): This dissertation explores the multifaceted role of memory in the formulation and transmission of love doctrine in Guillaume de Machaut's corpus of poetry and music.... This study focuses on the crucial and largely overlooked role *Souvenir* and *Dous Penser*, which are correlated respectively to the Aristotelian notions of memoria et reminiscentia (memory and reminiscence).... this dissertation responds to recent calls for greater engagement among literary scholars with Machaut's music....

Korzeniewski, Emily. 2018. 'Added Lines and Missing Voices: A Reexamination of Machaut's Relationship to *Auctoritas*' (unpublished Master of Arts thesis, University of Oregon). Order No. 10829115

Abstract (abridged): ...A potentially anachronistic view of the poet-composer's relation to *auctoritas* has developed in modern deliberations on Machaut. In this thesis I challenge these current notions. ...I approach the question of authority from the perspective of Machaut's own writing through a close reading of select narrative passages and embedded letters in the *Livre dou Voir Dit*. The analyses of four examples of later-added contratenors to select works by Machaut in the posthumous MS E (1390) are the focus of Chapter IV.

Ovenden, Philippa. 2021. 'Representations of Time in Late-Medieval Music' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, Yale University). Order No. 28321671

Abstract (abridged): This dissertation offers a solution to the problems associated with the *ars subtilior* style by presenting a 'conceptual genealogy' (Dutilh Novaes) of complex notations. Eschewing the chronological and geographical boundaries that are typically ascribed to the *ars subtilior*, as well as the term itself, this dissertation interrogates the ideas that underscore late-medieval notationally complex repertory. In doing so, it argues that a consideration of the constituent ideas of music-theoretical and practical representations of time in notation can provide glimpses into the mental habits of past people. These habits can reveal that notational systems that appear complex or unintelligible to a modern eye may have posed few challenges to a medieval reader. ...the plurality of ways of theorizing continua of musical time in this period provided a conceptual background to the notationally and rhythmically intricate repertory that would be written down in the decades to come.... Medieval notations were at times chosen that could instruct musicians to count temporal units that were thought, but not uttered aloud. Through this, some late-medieval notationally complex repertory that has historically been described as 'music for the eyes' may also productively be considered 'music for the mind'.

Pious, Samantha. 2018. 'The Cent Ballades d'amant et de dame of Christine De Pizan: A Critical Introduction and Literary Translation' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Pennsylvania). Order No. 10827713

Abstract (abridged): I examine the Cent Ballades d'amant et de dame in terms of three kinds of literary forms: lyric style, narrative structure, and manuscript sequence. I argue that the narrative structure of the

CBAD can be traced back through the debate poems of Guillaume de Machaut and the *trouvères* as well as the myth of Tiresias in the *Ovide moralisé*. In the sequence of texts that appear in the Queen's Manuscript – in other words, in the context of the collected works of Christine de Pizan – I observe that the *CBAD* is positioned as a final masterpiece, one that cites and even corrects some of Christine's previous writings on the subject of *fin'amors*. In terms of lyric style, I read the *CBAD* as an emulation of Machaut and Deschamps, especially the *Voir Dit* and *Fontaine amoureuse* of Machaut and the lays and virelais of Deschamps.

Price, Emily Kate. 2018. 'Fortune and Misfortune in Medieval Song' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, New York University). Order No. 10928647

Abstract (abridged): This dissertation investigates the importance of Fortune in a series of medieval works, starting with Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*. From that starting place it continues with a discussion of later vernacular translations of the *Consolation* into Occitan and French. It concludes with a reappraisal of Guillaume de Machaut's *Remede de Fortune*, a reworking of the *Consolation*.

Taycher, Ryan. 2019. 'De Fundamento Discanti: Structure and Elaboration in Fourteenth-Century Diminished Counterpoint (unpublished doctoral dissertation, Indiana University). Order No. 27671624.

Abstract (abridged): The primary goal of this dissertation is to produce a rigorous methodology for distinguishing between the contrapunctus structure and its elaboration in performing structural analysis of fourteenth-century diminished counterpoint. This methodology is based on historical thought by carefully analyzing contemporaneous treatises and their musical examples in order to better understand the compositional process conveyed both explicitly and implicitly in the treatises.... Chapter 4 presents structural analyses of fourteenth-century motets and motet-style liturgical polyphony.... Finally, I demonstrate how my analytical methodology may be used in conjunction with other methodologies of sonority and cadence to analyze large-scale tonal structures, illustrated with an analysis of Machaut's Motet 17 as well as a comparison of Vitry's *Flos/Celsa* and Gloria lyrea 64.

Udell, Stefan Alexander. 2019. 'The Key of Ordering: Reading Musical Manuscripts of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries' (unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Toronto). Order No. 22624344

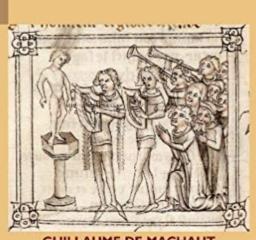
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