Yale Institute of Sacred Music: Celebrating 40 Years at Yale

Martin Jean

In 1973 – a tumultuous year marked by the simultaneous winding down of the Vietnam War and escalating strife in the Middle East, and in the U.S. by the roiling Watergate scandal and continued violence in the streets – three faculty and one administrator left their homes in New York after long careers at Union Theological Seminary and made a pilgrimage to New Haven to found the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The new enterprise had been the dream of a brother and sister from Columbus, Indiana, who in those turbulent times envisioned a place where musicians and artists, theologians and teachers could together learn that sacred music and prayer, joined with all the sacred arts, have a response to make to such global and national crises. Through the generosity of J. Irwin Miller and his sister, Clementine Tangeman, the Institute was put on solid footing to ensure its continuing place in the changing world.

Over the last forty years, the ISM has grown from those four original pioneers (soon joined by the first class of ten students)
to today’s thriving international community of over a hundred faculty, students, and fellows who – from a breathtaking diversity of perspectives and disciplines – explore, consider, and foster the ways that people have manifested their faith through worship, music, and other forms of artistic expression.

In April 2014 we celebrate this history and these accomplishments through a month of broadly-conceived programming that includes performances, lectures, readings, symposia, film, and exhibitions. We take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to our founders and forebears and to our academic partners, especially the Yale School of Music and Yale Divinity School (and also other units at the University). Together we have trained the Institute’s nearly 600 graduates to occupy positions of leadership in religious communities, educational institutions, and museums, or to pursue careers in the performing arts.

Forty years is a short time in historical terms – but we are proud of the traditions of excellence, creativity, and collaboration we have established during this brief existence, and look forward to building on them to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the coming decades.

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ISM Congregations Project

2015 Theme: From Generation to Generation

Dates: June 19 – 24, 2015

The Congregations Project of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music is an ecumenical initiative dedicated to creating a network of dynamic faith communities committed to strong ministries in music, worship, and the arts.

Yale brings three leaders from selected congregations to New Haven for a week-long summer seminar, where they meet with other pastors, musicians, lay leaders, ISM students, and faculty to explore the theme’s implications for the larger Church. Participating congregations develop a project or share current work that is both generative for the congregation and inspiring for other faith communities.

Visit the new Congregations Project website at ismcongregations.yale.edu
This has been an extraordinary 40th anniversary year for the Institute of Sacred Music, culminating in a month-long celebration of performances, exhibitions, lectures, and more.

At Yale, we have been privileged that ISM, a place where individuals engage in the interdisciplinary study of sacred music, worship, and the related arts, is an integral part of the university. The Institute includes a faculty that is dedicated and dynamic in their work and mission. We are fortunate to embrace the passion of everyone who is involved with ISM, and I am especially pleased to offer my congratulations and best wishes in this anniversary year.

Peter Salovey
President, Yale University
Chris Argyis Professor of Psychology

For four decades, the School of Music and The Institute of Sacred Music have been engaged in a vibrant partnership. With artistic and academic excellence as core values, we have embraced the visionary ideals and values of the Institute’s founders. Today the organ, choral, and vocal programs at ISM are among the best in the nation. Indeed, the founders would share our joy and pride!

We extend our heartiest congratulations to all those, past and present, who have guided, shaped and sustained the Institute in its evolution. We celebrate the accomplishments of the previous years and anticipate the future leadership of ISM in the interdisciplinary endeavors of sacred music, worship, and the related arts.

Robert L. Blocker
The Henry & Lucy Moses Dean of the Yale School of Music

The ISM is a unique institution that brings arts and the sacred to Yale. From Plato to Hans Urs von Balthasar, aesthetics has been an important dimension of philosophical and theological reflection. ISM brings aesthetics to expression through worship, literature, music, and the visual arts. From the daily music in Marquand Chapel, the routine art exhibits and concerts to the superb faculty and students, ISM enriches life on the Sterling Quad and at Yale University immensely. I would not want to imagine Yale Divinity School without ISM. Congratulations on 40 great years. Ad multos annos.

Gregory E. Sterling
The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean,
the Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament
Yale Divinity School

This is also an anniversary year for Yale Schola Cantorum, in its tenth season. The group has six recordings, performed in New York, Boston, and New Haven, and toured internationally. Here, founding conductor Simon Carrington leads a performance in Aya Irini in Istanbul in 2012.

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I am so grateful for my time at ISM. Supplementing the musical stimulation of studying with Tom Murray and singing for Maggie Brooks and Blake Stern, John Cook’s year-long survey of the history of Christianity and the Arts has enriched my subsequent life more than any academic course I ever took. To live and study in such a creative, interdisciplinary atmosphere for two years was life-changing.

Dale Adelmann
Canon for Music, the Cathedral of Saint Philip, Atlanta; and Friend of the Institute

Since the ISM is one of those enterprises that was so obviously needed in the current academic and ecclesiastical climate, it is a wonder that it was not set up earlier, and that there are so few comparable ventures elsewhere. From its early days it has been brilliantly led, and deserves to flourish tenfold in the decades to come. I wish it nothing but success!

Jeremy Begbie
Thomas A. Langford Research Professor of Theology, Duke University

My first musical experience as Music Director of the New Haven Symphony was working with the Institute of Sacred Music on a performance of Duruflé’s glorious Requiem. The quality of the musicianship by both professors and students was of the highest standard — a real delight and privilege to encounter upon my arrival in the US. Since then I have attended many of their performances which are always an inspiration. The Institute plays a vitally important role in the development of church musicians for the benefit of the nation’s communities. Happy Anniversary.

William Boughton
Music director, New Haven Symphony Orchestra

Happy Birthday, ISM! Like all scholars working in the field between music and religion, I am so glad you exist. Your faculty are doing excellent work. I have been gratified to give a seminar on the religious symbolism in Olivier Messiaen’s Aquinas-based works in the year of the composer’s centenary and to participate in a fruitful consultation on the contemporary issues in theology and music. Both have stimulated myriad new thoughts, for which I am very grateful.

Siglind Bruhn
Life research associate, music and modern literatures, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan

Not only is the ISM Fellows program the only institution of its kind in the world; the deliberate combination of theory and practice, study and performance of liturgy, music and related arts creates a uniquely stimulating setting for research that is inspired by both excellent academic resources and the liturgical experience of a lively community. _Ad multos annos!_

Harald Buchinger
University of Regensburg (Germany)

As one who savors the vertiginous occasions of words, as one who savors, as well, the elations of the musical phrase and the provocations availed by intervals of stillness, I am especially grateful for a home where poetry and sacred music abide together in common. I am grateful, moreover, for your continuing hospitality.

Scott Cairns
Poet

The Institute was the perfect exhibition home for The ERUV project, a non-ideological, interpretive exploration of a concept with mapping applications in the contemporary world. This is, as I know it, the Institute: the intersection of idea and site.

Alan Cohen
Photographer

Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary! May you continue to provide for the world the model for excellence in sacred music!

Melva Wilson Costen
Helmar Emil Nielsen Music and Worship Professor Emerita
Interdenominational Theological Center

Though familiar with ISM for many years, my first immersive experience was when I read in the Literature & Spirituality series in January 2013, an event that set the gold standard for how to host a poetry reading. I suspect that were I to attend other ISM events I would find as much attention to detail and honor for the arts as I was delighted to experience.

Brad Davis
Poet

In 2013 the ISM gallery hosted the exhibition Respeto/Respect, photographs by seven Maya women photographers in Chiapas, about the importance of respect for religious differences. The gallery provided an excellent opportunity to prompt thought about respect, not just tolerance, for differences of whatever type.

Carlota Duarte
Founder/director, The Chiapas Photography Project
Wishing you many more decades of sustained scholarly and practical engagement with the treasury of sacred music.

William Flynn
Lecturer in medieval Latin
Institute for Medieval Studies, University of Leeds (UK)

Congratulations to the Institute of Sacred Music for your 40th anniversary. As a visual artist participant, I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and to seek the “still point of the turning world” (T.S. Eliot) with you. We live in a fragmented world and academic disciplines, and ISM offers a point of intersection, a refuge of integration to us all. Thank you!

Makoto Fujimura
Artist, Fujimura Institute

Congratulations! I am a great admirer of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and I hope the program will continue for another 40 years and beyond! I have many dear friends and colleagues whose lives have been changed by their experience in the program, and I have met many audience members who have been touched by the work of ISM alumni. Music is an incredible art form with the power to move and influence people towards joy, love, and peace. Thank you for all you do to serve that mission in the world!

Jolle Greenleaf
Artistic director, TENET

Turning 40, eh? Congratulations. Well, I don’t know. Is that the right response to not being very young but also not being very old? From where I sit, it looks like you’ve hit your stride. I’m impressed that your belt line hasn’t expanded too much. I notice that your feet still reach the ground as you stretch toward the sky. You still exercise, taking little for granted, and your heart is still good. You’re not courting early death. But you know, right, that the going gets harder, not easier from here on? You’ll be tempted to become ever more cautious. Resist that temptation. Dare to become 80!

Ronald Grimes
Visiting professor of ritual studies, University of Prague

Yale ISM excels in interconnecting sacred music, liturgical studies, sacred art and architecture, literature, and other arts. It does so in an ecumenical way, paying attention to both Western and Eastern Christian traditions. At the same time, it is open-minded to other (non-Christian) religions and to other (non-Western) cultures. It is characterized by mutual fertilization between theory and practice, as well as between theology, musicology, and other branches of scholarship. I feel privileged that I have been a member of this community and I continue to feel close to it. Thanks ISM! Congratulations, and keep on trucking!

Bert Groen
Professor, Center for Southeast European Studies
University of Graz (Austria)

The Yale ISM has been significantly fruitful for artists and for the general public as well. International artists and students meet and learn from each other at the Institute, enabling them to break through cultural barriers, and to recognize the richness and variety of the arts and culture of so many countries around the world. I hope the ISM will create many more opportunities for international artistic collaborations, which enable people to discover the ‘golden thread’ among various cultures and unites those of different backgrounds by means of art and culture.

Didik Hadiprayitno (Didik Nini Thowok)
Choreographer, dancer, traditional cross gender artist (Indonesia)
Working at the ISM with Schola Cantorum and with the conducting and singing programs was an eye opener for me! To see such well-structured courses and such inspiring and rigorous teaching in action made me realize what is possible for us mere mortals elsewhere — if only we could persuade related disciplines to collaborate, as you do. Thank you for inspiring me. Very best wishes for your important anniversary and may you all continue to flourish!

**Simon Halsey**  
Chief conductor, Berlin Radio Choir  
Head of choral education, Berliner Philharmoniker  
Choral director, London Symphony Orchestra

Yale’s ISM provided a needed forum for me as an exhibiting artist earlier in my career—and now decades later for my nationally touring collaborative work, QU4RTETS. I found at ISM high-level discourse, professional and academically rigorous discussion of my work, and a deep sense of intellectual hospitality. Additionally, I sensed the gravitas of authentic engagement with tradition and innovation—with a unique blend of mind, spirit, and heart that is rare in academe these days.

**Bruce Herman**  
Artist and Lothlorien Distinguished Chair in Fine Arts, Gordon College

The very idea is stirring: a center for sacred music with its own schola cantorum! How I wish time and circumstances had permitted me greater contact with the whole thing. As it is, from my short visit as artist in residence, I treasure warm memories of an outstanding group of singers, surrounded and nurtured by brilliant faculty and mouth-watering resources. May you move forward from innovative achievement to yet more innovative achievement!

**Paul Hillier**  
Conductor

In 1974, Christian worship was beginning a new era. From the exploration of contemporary and charismatic approaches to the growing energy of the ecumenical liturgical movement, worship options and values had changed in the previous two decades. Now four decades later, the Institute of Sacred Music and its attention to worship and the arts has led the way through ever challenging choices, having an impact on the academy and the church alike. We in this world are in your debt.

**Todd E. Johnson**  
Theological director, Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, and the Arts, Fuller Theological Seminary

Many congratulations to the Institute of Sacred Music, its directors, faculty, alums, and current students on four decades of providing leadership in the field of sacred music studies. I have had the honor of working with many graduates of this fine institution, and I continue to cherish a close relationship through its magnificent Schola Cantorum; long may it flourish!

**Edward Elwyn Jones**  
Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, Harvard University

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A Brief History of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music

Martin Jean

The Yale Institute of Sacred Music is unique in all the world because of circumstances that led to its founding, because of the broad mission set out by its benefactors, and because of its home within one of the world’s great research universities.

The founding personnel of the ISM migrated to Yale from the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, a preeminent American ecumenical seminary. Begun in 1928, the School was the idea of UTS president Henry Sloane Coffin and Drs. Clarence and Helen Dickinson, in order to offer the highest caliber of training to church musicians within the context of a theological school. Clarence Dickinson was its first director, followed by Hugh Porter in 1945, and in turn succeeded by Robert S. Baker in 1962.

In many ways, the School of Sacred Music at UTS was a natural consequence of the revival of sacred music that had swept through nineteenth-century Europe through the Oxford and Ecclesiological Movements, the chant revival at Solesmes, and the Cecilian movement in central and southern Europe. Students in the School numbered, on average, about 60 at any one time and received rigorous training in organ and service playing, choral conducting, singing, and composition. Their academic work included music history, liturgical studies, and theology. Graduates of the program went on to teach and to lead music in some of the great cathedrals and churches throughout North America and beyond, instilling a new appreciation for the classic repertoire of hymnody, chant, and choral music as situated in historic rites and architectural environments.

However, this noble enterprise was not to survive the turmoil of the late 1960’s. By 1970 Union Seminary was in financial crisis, and in 1972, the School was closed. Undaunted, Robert Baker applied for a major grant from the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller foundation of Columbus, Indiana. This family foundation was led by Clementine Miller Tangeman (whose late husband had taught music history for years at Union), and by her brother, J. Irwin Miller, then on the corporation of Yale University. They were both leaders in the Disciples of Christ church, having supported seminary and musical education in the denomination for years. They had long contemplated beginning a venture at Yale similar to the Union School, and so in May, 1973, they awarded a grant of $10 million to Yale University to establish an Institute of Sacred Music here.

In the grant letter to the university, they wrote: “First, out of what context does our interest in an Institute of Worship, Music, and the Related Arts arise? It rises out of our concern for the needs of the spirit among people living today; out of our own Christian convictions; and out of our belief in the importance of the arts (especially music) as valid and compelling means of transmitting to men and women the essence of the Christian Gospel.” They hoped for fruitful partnerships with Yale’s Divinity School and School of Music to be sure, and also with Yale College, the Graduate School, the Schools of Art, Architecture, the Chaplain’s office, and the museums — indeed, with the whole university.

Robert Stevens Baker (below) became the first director of the Institute and had the daunting

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Clementine Miller Tangeman received the Yale medal in 1995 from Richard Levin. She was the sister of J. Irwin Miller, and the widow of Robert Tangeman, a musicologist on the faculty at Union Theological Seminary.

J. Irwin Miller and his wife Xenia were noted patrons of the arts in Columbus, Indiana. The family had several ties to Yale.
graduates from this period still hold major posts in the church and academy today.

John Cook was named director in 1984 (after an interregnum of two years). Already on the Yale Divinity School faculty, he added the existing religion and arts program to the Institute’s portfolio. The Yale Camerata was formed in 1985. A redesign of the Institute’s curriculum led to even more integrated learning among the students, and a dual degree program was introduced allowing students to pursue both a divinity and a music degree together. Capturing major grants from the Lilly and Luce Foundations, the Institute led the way in making the arts an integral part of theological education. International conferences were convened around broad themes such as “Jerusalem,” “Imagining Mortality,” and “Utopia.” Cook’s famous study trips abroad were built upon, and are still part of the Institute’s offerings today.

When John Cook was recruited to be president of the Luce Foundation in 1992, the university searched for his replacement for two years. These were indeed transition years for Yale, as President Benno Schmidt also stepped down from office in 1992. Then Richard Levin, one year into his presidency, appointed the charismatic medieval music historian Margot Fassler, who held the ISM director post through 2004.

The student body increased again during this period from 40 to its current 65. The public programming of the Institute flourished mightily and continues to include literary readings, art exhibitions, lecture series, and conferences on various topics, as well as musical performances. The Institute began appointing a fellow in ethnomusicology each year. The worship program in Marquand chapel blossomed in new and

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innovative ways, and this in turn energized other campus ministries at Yale. In 2003, the Yale Schola Cantorum was founded along with a new program for vocal graduate majors in 2004. When Margot Fassler stepped down as director, Levin wrote: “Margot was one of my first senior administrative appointees and one of the most successful. Her ten years of service to the Institute have been nothing less than spectacular.”

When Martin Jean (the writer of this article) moved into the director’s role in 2005, it was natural to keep on this energetic trajectory. The faculty renewed their focus on an integrated curriculum and formalized a course of studies in church music. Two new faculty lines in religion and the arts were added, and the single fellowship in ethnomusicology was expanded to six fellowships spanning all the Institute’s disciplines, to engage potentially with any religious tradition through the breadth of the Institute’s mission.

Expanded outreach through exhibitions, special guest artists, scholarly gatherings, and summer offerings put even more people in touch with the Institute’s work, and through Schola tours and study trips, Institute faculty and students have traveled to over a dozen countries on three continents.

In forty years, the work of the Institute has expanded and become ever more complex. However, through all of this change and growth, we hold dear the core concern for the work of religious communities in today’s world. We give thanks for the vision and gift that created the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and we pray that our programs in music, worship, and the arts continue to serve the public in innovative and continually evolving ways.

Uncredited photos are from the ISM archive.
The Institute of Sacred Music is to be commended for extraordinary and outstanding leadership to shape the next generation of musicians, artists and clergy dedicated to the worship arts. The unique partnership that the Institute offers, led by excellent and distinguished faculty and visiting artists, provides a rich and fertile environment for musicians, scholars, and artists to flourish. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

GRETIE KROGH
Professor, Royal Danish Conservatory of Music, Copenhagen (Denmark)

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BRUCE T. MORRILL, S.J.
Edward A. Malloy Professor of Catholic Studies
Vanderbilt University

Congratulations to the Yale Institute of Sacred Music on forty years of training and inspiring young artists to understand and share the treasures of our sacred choral music heritage, that vital and living tradition which contains so many profound outpourings of the human spirit. May your work continue to bring beauty and joy to our world for decades to come.

ANDREW MEGILL
Associate professor, Westminster Choir College

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Warmest congratulations to YISM on its 40th birthday! As a proud alum, I offer all my best wishes for its future and my continuing gratitude for all that I received as a student there. Surrounded by mutually supportive faculty, staff and fellow students, I was privileged to be part of a world-class university and able, within it, to focus on all the various facets of being an organist and church musician: liturgy, repertoire, improvisation, conducting and composing.

Bruce Neswick
Associate Professor of Organ, Indiana University

I am delighted to send a message of congratulations and best wishes to the Yale Institute of Sacred Music on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. In 2010 I had the privilege and pleasure of working with the excellent Schola Cantorum, and participating in the life and work of the ISM for several weeks. I was inspired and refreshed by the vibrant, multidisciplinary work and activity of the Institute, both scholarly and practical, across a wide range of musical and theological fields. Long may this unique venture continue to thrive!

James O’Donnell
Organist and master of the choristers, Westminster Abbey (UK)

Over these past forty years Yale’s Institute of Sacred Music has made an invaluable contribution to the renewal of life and worship in the churches of North America and beyond. It has served as that “sacred bridge,” connecting people of diverse cultures and faith traditions in the formation of artists and musicians, church leaders and liturgical scholars for the 21st century. May it continue to flourish for many years to come.

Keith F. Pecklers, S.J.
Professor of Liturgy, Pontifical Gregorian University
Professor of Liturgical History, Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Rome)

I have been involved on many occasions from the founding to the present, and always been delighted with the people and work at the Institute of Sacred Music. It is unique in its dedication to the highest quality of music performance in relation to everyday worship in our churches. Long may it flourish!

Alice Parker
Artistic director, Melodious Accord

How can one — in a few short sentences only — fully give credit to the priceless work that is being done at the ISM and the invaluable results that come out of it? Having had the privilege to meet with students and fellow teachers at the ISM on many occasions, my admiration for the activities being implemented grow bigger for each time, and my respect gets more and more sincere each time I meet with colleagues - originally students at the ISM — now in important positions around in the musical world.

Stefan Parkman
Professor and director Cantorum
Uppsala University (Sweden)

It has been a truly great honor for me to be invited by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Coming from the “old world” tradition, it has been a wonderful challenge for me to exchange ideas as guest teacher at this internationally honored institution. My already high expectations were exceeded by far, and it has been a delight to work with such committed, open-minded people whose enthusiasm allows them to be swept up by great music. For the future I wish you further success and that you maintain this special nourishing atmosphere that sends out so many inspiring musicians to the world.

Erwin Ortner
Founder and artistic director, Arnold Schoenberg Choir

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We visited the Yale Institute of Sacred music in 2008. We consider that the Institute makes the greatest contribution to studying, support and development of a sacred music. Excellent concert halls at the Institute, perfectly made concert programs and selection of performers give the chance to take pleasure on the present in a sacred music of different styles and eras. We congratulate the Institute on the 40th anniversary and we wish successful continuation of its important activities.

Valery Petrov
Artistic director and conductor, The Orthodox Singers

I wish the Yale ISM all the very best for their 40th anniversary. The Tallis Scholars reached this landmark last year, so I know what it feels like: a lot of history and a lot of opportunity. I hope you will build on what you have achieved, helping to make sacred music a normal part of the secular concert scene.

Peter Phillips
Director, the Tallis Scholars

Accept my cordial congratulations to Yale ISM 40th Anniversary! I have wonderful memories of rewarding cooperations, motivated students and great colleagues.

Helmuth Rilling
Conductor

Sending best wishes on this celebratory anniversary with sincere appreciation for the generous support of the visual arts by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

Ellen Rothenberg
Artist

I spent two rewarding weeks in March 2012 working with the Schola Cantorum. I have rarely come across a group with greater commitment, eager to tackle demanding repertoire but also keen to appreciate the nuances of Anglican Psalm singing. Universities in the UK could well learn from the way in which Yale has integrated liturgical singing into an academic programme. The Institute of Sacred Music is clearly an inspirational department. May it continue to flourish.

Christopher Robinson
Organist and conductor, St. John’s College, Cambridge (UK)

Many congratulations to the ISM on the occasion of your fortieth anniversary. We have greatly enjoyed our performances at Marquand Chapel; it is thrilling and challenging in equal measure to sing to such a knowledgeable audience, and to meet students so enthused by and responsive to the repertoire we love. We wish you the very best for the next forty years and beyond.

Stile Antico
Early music vocal ensemble

The ISM has presented several community hymn festivals in recent years, here with the participation of Yale Camerata, church choirs from the region, and the audience.
When I arrived at Yale to give a master class for art song at the ISM, I was delighted to discover that the faculty and students treated secular music with such “reverence.” It was a joy to work with the vocalists, since their enthusiasm for the repertoire could only be described as limitless. The subtle beauty of art song seemed to be second nature to them and I left Yale feeling deeply satisfied that my passion for the art of song had been fully understood and deeply appreciated.

Donald Sulzen
Department head of song interpretation
University of Music and the Performing Arts, Munich (Germany)

Out of all my teaching assignments, the weeks I have spent in Yale as visiting organ tutor have been the most enjoyable and rewarding. With wonderful instruments, dedicated students and inspiring leadership (as well as some great restaurants nearby!) the ISM has an organ department to be truly proud of. Long may it continue to thrive.

Thomas Trotter
City Organist, Birmingham (UK)

I have rejoiced at the distinguished contributions of the ISM. I was present at the birth of this wonderful ministry. Over the years I have watched the ISM make its way in American church life. I have worked with its faculty and served with its students in a variety of church situations. Because of the ISM and its work thousands of Christians praise God more faithfully and beautifully. Congratulations for a distinguished four decades!

Will Willimon
Professor of Christian Ministry, Duke Divinity School
UMC bishop, retired
Pastor Duke Memorial UMC, Durham, N.C.

Prompted by the 400th anniversary of the composer’s death, your presentation of the TENET ensemble from New York in a performance of a set of Holy Week responses by Carlo Gesualdo is an event that I shall always remember.

Glenn Watkins
Professor emeritus, University of Michigan
PERFORMANCES

Yale Schola Cantorum and Juilliard415
with members of Yale Baroque Ensemble
J.S. Bach: St. John Passion*
Masaaki Suzuki, conductor
April 4 Friday | 7:30 PM
Alice Tully Hall, NYC

April 5 Saturday | 8 PM
Woolsey Hall
Preconcert talk by Markus Rathey at 7 PM

Guest Artist: Nepathya
Balivadham Kutiyattam:
An Enactment of Sanskrit Drama
April 6 Sunday | 8 PM
Mainstage Theatre, Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School

Presented in collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies, with support from the Lex Hixon Fund and the South Asian Council

Yale Camerata and Glee Club
Music of Haydn and Honegger
Marguerite L. Brooks and Jeffrey Douma, conductors
April 13 Sunday | 4 PM
Woolsey Hall

Yale Schola Cantorum
Harmoniemesse*
Music of Haydn, Mozart, and Mendelssohn
David Hill, conductor
May 2 Friday | 7:30 PM
St. James Church
865 Madison Ave., NYC

May 3 Saturday | 5 PM
Woolsey Hall

*presented with members of Yale Baroque Ensemble with support from Yale School of Music

RELIGION AND FILM

I Can Do Bad All by Myself
April 3 Thursday | 7:30 PM
Whitney Humanities Center
Films at the Whitney, supported by the Barbakow Fund for Innovative Film Programs at Yale, and presented with the Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, the Program in American Studies, the Film Studies Program, and the Department of Religious Studies
LECTURES, READINGS, AND SYMPOSIA

Lost/Found in Translation: Crossing Contexts in Music, Worship, and the Arts
ISM Fellows Symposium
March 29 Saturday | 1 – 6 PM
Linsly-Chittenden Hall, Rm 317

Fanny Howe
Film Color: A Story in Black and White
The Lana Schwebel Memorial Lecture
April 3 Thursday | 5:30 PM
ISM Great Hall
Yale Literature and Spirituality Series

The Passion in Context
An afternoon symposium
Presenters: Peter Hawkins, Michelle Karnes, Vasileios Marinis, Christoph Wolff
April 5 Saturday | 1 – 5 PM
Linsly-Chittenden Hall
followed by the preconcert talk and Schola Cantorum performance of the St. John Passion in Woolsey Hall

Markus Rathey
Between Divine Glory and Human Suffering: Music and Drama in Bach’s St. John Passion
April 5 Saturday | 7 PM
Sheffield-Sterling-Strathcona Hall
preconcert talk followed by Schola/Juilliard performance

Baby Varghese
Liturgy and Symbolism: Syriac Perspective
April 7 Monday | 4:30 PM
ISM Great Hall
Liturgy Symposium Series

Spencer Reece
The Road to Emmaus
poetry reading followed by book signing
April 10 Thursday | 5:30 PM
Marquand Chapel
Yale Literature and Spirituality Series

Liturgical Space and Time in Byzantium
An afternoon symposium
Presenters: Nina Glibetic, Vasileios Marinis, Robert Nelson, Stefano Parenti, Gabriel Radle, Robert F. Taft, Elena Velkovska
April 24 Thursday | 12:45 – 5:15 PM
ISM Great Hall
followed by a reception in the ISM Gallery of Sacred Arts

Interdisciplinary Considerations: The Context of Slow Dancing
Panel discussion centering on David Michalek’s film installation
Panelists: Joseph Roach, moderator; Paul Bloom; Emily Coates; David Michalek, and others
April 30 Wednesday | 4 – 6 PM
Yale University Art Gallery Auditorium

EXHIBITIONS

Visions of the Sacred
Puppets and Performing Arts of South and Southeast Asia curated by Kathy Foley
April 3 – June 20, 2014
Whitney Humanities Center
Presented in conjunction with the Nepathya performance on April 6, in collaboration with the Whitney Humanities Center, with support from the Lex Hixon Fund and the Department of Religious Studies
Reception
April 8 Tuesday | 5 – 7 PM
Whitney Humanities Center

George Kordis: Light and Rhythm
Byzantine Icons in the Postmodern World
April 14 – 25 (closed Easter)
ISM Gallery of Sacred Arts

David Michalek: Slow Dancing
Film installation
April 30 – May 4 | 8 – 11 PM
Cross Campus
Interdisciplinary panel discussion April 30 (details above)
Summer Term at SDQ

Two courses are being offered by the ISM this year, both June 9 – 13.

ICON WRITING WORKSHOP
Vladislav Andrejev and
Nikita Andrejev
A study of the ancient “floating” technique of icon painting in the Byzantine-Russian tradition, which reached its height in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries.…. (continued online)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH’S ORATORIOS:
THE LIFE OF CHRIST FROM
A MUSICIAN’S PERSPECTIVE
Markus Rathey
J.S. Bach not only composed his two famous passions, but he also created large-scale oratorios for Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Day over a span of little more than ten years.….. (continued online)

Many other courses are offered at the annual Summer Term. More information and registration is at summerstudy.yale.edu.