



Benedicamus Domino

Thursday 7th September and Friday 8th September 2023 Professorboligen, University of Oslo

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9:00 Welcome

Session I Conductus, Motet, Cantio

Chair: Catherine A. Bradley (University of Oslo)

9:10–9:50 Mark Everist (University of Southampton)

The Benedicamus Domino and the Conductus: Distribution, History and Structure

9:50–10:30 Melanie Shaffer (Radboud University)

Benedicamus Domino and the Ordering of Conducti in F-Pn lat. 15139

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00–11:40 Joshua Stutter (University of Glasgow)

Organal Motets, Organum Prosulae, Polyphonic Tropes, Motet-Likes: The Universalisation of the Motet

11:40–12:20 Jan Ciglbauer (Charles University)

Benedicamus or Cantio? Distinctive Endings of Central European Cantiones and their Testimony of Tradition and Use

12:20-14:00 Lunch

Session II Conceptual, Political, and Hagiographical Contexts

Chair: Anne Walters Robertson (University of Chicago)

14:00–14:40 Sigbjørn Olsen Sønnesyn (University of Bristol)

"The Heart's Cry is its Understanding": The Augustinian Concept of iubilus in Medieval Liturgical Theology

14:40–15:20 Sam Barrett (University of Cambridge)

Splendor patris, Stimmtausch, and Ways of Making Benedicamus Domino Songs in the Early Twelfth Century

15:20–16:00 Mary Channen Caldwell (University of Pennsylvania)

St. Nicholas and the Benedicamus Domino: Songs of an Advent Saint

16:00–16:30 Coffee

Session III Female Communities

Chair: Manon Louviot (University of Oslo)

16:30–17:10 David Merlin (University of Vienna)

Echoes from a Viennese Nunnery: Situating Benedicamus Domino Chants Between Shared Traditions and Local Practice

17:10–17:50 Laine Tabora (Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music)

The unique selection of Benedicamus Domino Melodies from Medieval Riga

19:30 Dinner (Café Tekethopa)





Friday 8th September

Session IV England

Chair: Nicholas David Yardley Ball (University of Oslo)

9:00–9:40 Samuel Cardwell (University of Toronto)

When did the Benedicamus enter the English liturgy?

9:40–10:20 Thomas Phillips (University of Bristol)

Bodleian Library, MS. Laud Misc. 4: New Insights into the Benedicamus Domino Tradition at St. Albans in the Twelfth Century

10:20-10:50 Coffee

10:50–11:20 James Tomlinson (University of Oslo)

Polyphonic settings of the Benedicamus Domino and Deo gratias in Late Medieval English Sources

11:20–12:00 Kalina Tomova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

Some Thoughts on faburden and fauxbourdon in the Fifteenth-Century Carol

12:00-14:00 Lunch

Session V Fifteenth-Century Polyphony in Italy and Spain

Chair: Johanna Thöne (University of Oslo)

14:00–14:40 Antonio Calvia (University of Pavia) & Anne Stone (CUNY, Graduate Center)

A Newly-Discovered Polyphonic Benedicamus Domino in Milan

14:40–15:20 Michael O'Connor (Palm Beach Atlantic University)

Juan de Esquivel and the Polyphonic Benedicamus Domino in Late Renaissance Spain

15:20-16:00 Coffee

Session VI Lightning Papers

Chair: Alessandra Ignesti (University of Oslo)

16:00–16:20 Marit Høye (Independent scholar)

Early Plainchant for the Benedicamus: Relationships with Kyrie Source Melodies

16:20–16:40 Giovanni Cunego (University of Pavia)

A two-voice Benedicamus Domino versicle in an Eleventh-Century source from the Capitular Library of Verona?

16:40–17:00 Martha Culshaw (University of Toronto)

Benedicamus Domino and the Order of St Clare in Fourteenth-Century Brussels

17:00–17:20 Lucia Denk (Princeton University)

Fragmentary Benedicamus Dominos in an Early Modern Spanish Manuscript