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Photo by Mistress Lisette la Roux, from SMASH scavenger hunt.

Their Excellencies

To the Populace of Lochmere,

We have Nexcellencies! Congratulations to Lord Linhart and Magistra Letia on being selected as the next Baron and Baroness of Lochmere. These times are going to be challenging as we start to plan our transition, because we aren't entirely sure when the next time will be that we can get together. It seems the plague gets a vote in this as well - but all of us are making sure that we can have a meaningful investiture for Linhart and Letia and stay safe while doing so. Watch this space for updates as the time gets closer. We want to thank everyone who put their names up for consideration for the job - we are lucky as a Barony to have had such great choices and we are all better for your willingness to volunteer. Thank you!

We have been making the best of a bad situation through this infernal plague. While it seems like the only thing we do is wake up, go to work, and then go to sleep sometimes, it is always an exciting day on Tuesdays when we have our Baronial Happy Hour. If you haven't had a chance to come out yet, we would love to see you drop in and say hello. This is a low stress, no garb thing we do on Tuesdays to see how everyone is doing and to make sure we are all doing okay.

We hope that you stay safe and stay in touch.

Yours in Service, Cormacc and Sarra Baron and Baroness, Lochmere



Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

1 hope this message finds everyone in good health and happiness. 1 understand that we all look forward to the opportunity to meet and attend events with our choosen family. Until we can do so safely, there are multiple opportunities virtually to participate in the companionship we all cherish. Locally, the Barony continues to host happy hours at 7 pm on most Tuesday evenings- keep watch on the Baronial Facebook page for the link.

Additionally, Virtual Atlantia has a wide variety of activities scheduled daily and posted at https://wirtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php there is a lot there including heavy and rapier classes as well as A&S.

There is a wide variety of talent and skill within our populace, those who might be interested in teaching should be reminded that University is accepting class submissions https://university.atlantia.sca.org/.

We are missing Pennsic this year, but for those who are missing it- or who have never been-Pennsic the backyard/at home Is right around the corner. All Pennsic A&S Activities are posted at https://pennsic.atlantia.sca.org/.

Keep safe and healthy- I look forward to seeing what we all create in the weeks ahead.

YIS,

Lady Anne d'Evreux

MoAS, Barony of Lochmere

New Member Information

If you are new to the Barony of Lochmere, these websites should be of interest to you:

Barony of Lochmere Homepage: http://www.lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

Barony of Lochmere Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ LochmereSCA/

Kingdom of Atlantia Homepage: http://www.atlantia.sca.org

Official SCA Homepage: http://www.sca.org

The Acorn, Atlantia's Official Newsletter: http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org

Atlantia Event Calendar: http://atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events

https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php

You can also contact the Barony Chatelain: chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

August Populace Meeting, Monday, August 3, 2020 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM: http://meet.google.com/bmp-pugd-wcf

All events and gatherings are canceled in order to practice social distancing until further notice

Lochmere Calendar of Events

Canceled until further notice

Atlantia Calendar of Events

Canceled until further notice

Populace Meeting Minutes

No July Meeting



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Information on the Dredgings

The Dredgings is a publication of the Barony of Lochmere of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Dredgings is a free publication and is available electronically. You may request a copy from the Barony of Lochmere Chronicler at chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org.

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Attention Lochmere Officers

Make sure your information in this newsletter and website is correct. Contact Lady Katla Flokadottir at chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org for The Dredgings and Lady Marta De Lyon at webminister@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org for the website.

Please submit your Baronial Report in advance of the business meeting via email to Sir Aelfred of Cres at sea.org and the Chronicler, Lady Katla at chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org. Thank You!





Baronial Reoccurring Activities

Populace Meeting

First Monday of every month 7:15 pm **Odenton Public Library** 1325 Annapolis Road Odenton, MD 21113

Fighter Practice (Heavy & Rapier)

Every Tuesday 7:00 pm Severn Christian Church 8132 New Cut Road. Severn, MD 21144

Archery Practice

Every Thursday (til time change) Lord Ivan's Home 511 Chad Avenue, Severn, MD 21144

Equestrian Practice

10:00 am till? Meeting and potluck follows 2361 Rutland Rd, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Lochmere Vocal and Music Group Please contact Sir Aelfred of Cres

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Arts and Sciences

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This Month in History

August 1:

527 Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire 607 Ono no Imoko is dispatched as envoy to the Sui court in China 649 Pope Martinus I chosen successor of Theodorus I 860 Peace of Koblenz 902 Aghlabid emir Ibrahim II of Ifriqiya destroys Taormina, Sicily 1021 Synod of Pavia 1086 Results of Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror 1177 Peace Treaty of Venice 1203 Alexius IV Angelus appointed coregent of Byzantium 1291 Everlasting League forms, basis of **Swiss Confederation** 1485 Henry Tudor's army sails to England

"Isla Santa" 1589 Assassination of French King Henry III by Friar Jacques Clément August 2:

1498 Christopher Columbus lands on

257 St Stephen I ends reign as Catholic Pope 1057 Frederik van Lotharingen elected as 1st Belgium Pope Stephen

1100 King William II of England killed

3MHSJ SCA MAGNIFICENTLY AWESOME SCAVENGER HUNT

The Vino Villains: Medb Ingen Bhrain, Avice Claremond, Christian Darmody, Joselin D'outremer, Aryanna Hawkyns, Katla Flókadóttir, Symone de la Rochelle, Lisette la Roux, and Vladimir Vladimirov, represented our Barony in SMASH July 3-5, 2020. There was a total of 90 items, 48 total were knocked out by the Villains for a total of 2130 out of 2133 (for the ones that were attempted). Here are a few of the things that they did...



Is everyone in your household prepared to defend your keep against invaders? Make a suit of armour for a doll or stuffy out of any materials (fabric, leather, cardboard, aluminum foil, etc) that you have in the house.

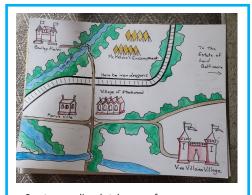


Calligraph your shopping list.





Re-create a piece of period art, using stuff in your house. Share a photo of both the original and vour re-production.



Create a medieval style map of your neighborhood. Create new names for the streets, to protect your privacy. They can be puns on the actual street names, or descriptive names, or any nonsense.



When Royals get together, they like to show off examples of their kingdoms' artisans and artists, by exchanging gifts. They like to honour their own subjects with

little gifts and lauds, as well. But these little tokens of respect and gratitude come from all of us! Make five pieces of largesse, to donate to your local branch or kingdom.



Recreate a famous medieval or Renaissance painting with collage, using

magazines. Post photos of both the original art and your version.



Make a subtlety and serve it to your family.



This Month in History, continued...

hunting in the New Forest 1542 French troops leave Flanders 1552 Treaty of Passau 1578 Battle of Rijmenam 1581 Leiden University names Snellius math professor

August 3: 8 Roman Empire general Tiberius defeats Dalmatians on the river Bathinus 435 Deposed Patriarch of Constantinople Nestorius exiled by Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II to monastery in Egypt 881 Battle at Saucourt 1108 Louis VI, "the Fat One," King of France, crowned 1492 Christopher Columbus sets sail on first voyage for the "Indies" 1527 First known letter sent from N. America by

John Rut while at St. John's, Newfoundland 1529 "Peace of the Ladies" made between Holy Roman Empire and the French, negotiated by Louise of Savoy and Margaret of Austria

1557 Dutch States-General meet at **Valenciennes**

1596 David Fabricius discovers light variation of Mira

August 4:

1181 Supernova seen in Cassiopeia 1265 Battle of Evesham

1347 English troops conquer Fort Calais

1351 Sea battle at Zwartewaal

1558 1st printing of Zohar

1578 Battle of Alcazarquivir

1598 London's head office of Hanze closed August 5:

135 Betar last outpost of Bar Kochba falls to Rome

642 Battle of Maserfield

910 Last major Viking army to raid England defeated atBattle of Tettenhall

1100 Henry I is crowned King of England in Westminster Abbev

1264 Anti-Jewish riots break out in **Arnstadt Germany**

1305 William Wallace is captured by English near Glasgow and transported to London for trial and execution

1388 Battle of Otterburn

1391 Castilian sailors fire attack on Jewish ghetto of Barcelona, 100's killed

1399 Battle at Worskla

1420 Duke John VI of Bavaria visits Dutch mystic Lidwina

1435 Battle at Ponza

1543 French & Turkish troops occupy Nice 1583 Humphrey Gilbert claims

Newfoundland for the British crown - first English colony in North America and the beginning of the British Empire

1587 Spanish troops conquer Lock

August 6:

258 St Sixtus II ends reign as Catholic Pope

S.M.A.S.H CONTINUED....



Imagine a terrible, short phrase that you think a famous person might say and then embroider it on a cushion or sampler.



Make an edible sword or weapon.



Have a child in your household design a castle, and then help them build it out of LEGO.



Design heraldry for your pet and photograph them displaying it.



Most elaborate "blanket fort" on a medieval theme!



what they think is a period style.



Norse funeral, with all your possessions (medieval and modern) that you wish to take to the next life with you.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tisette la Roux's Interpretation of preparing and serving Artichoke in an Italian fashion

From Giacomo Castelvetro "The Fruit, Herbs & Vegetables of Italy"

"....while in early spring raw baby artichoke, cooked artichokes with salt, pepper and vinegar..." (p. 28)

"We cook them in various ways...So if we do not feel like eating artichokes raw, we select some small ones and cut off the tips of the pointed outer leaves, next to take away the bitterness, give them a boil in fresh water which we then chuck out, and finish cooking in rich beef or capon broth....on slices of bread moistened with just a little of the broth, sprinkled with grated mature cheese and pepper....." (p. 49-50)

My interpretation Artichoke Toast with Hard Cheese 2 medium artichokes 8 cups Chicken Broth Baguette size Bread slices ½ thick Grated Asiago Cheese Ground Pepper The artichokes are boiled in Chicken broth for approximately 20-25 minutes until the leaves can be removed from the stem with relative ease (not to the point of falling off).

In period, capon, chicken, or some sort of meat broth would have been used, so chicken broth was used. Once the artichoke has finished its boil, the "leaves" are removed to the "choke" or artichoke bottom.

The meat from the choke is removed and cut into a chutney and placed on the slices of bread and topped with grated asiago cheese and sprinkles of pepper to taste.

Drizzle with left over broth. The toast is then baked in the oven at 400 degrees for approximately 10 minutes or until slightly browned.











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This Month in History, continued...

768 Antipope Constantine II deposed 939 Battle at Simancas

1181 Supernova observed by Chinese and Japanese astronomers

1497 Italian explorer John Cabot returns to Bristol from North America - first European to do so since the Vikings 1538 Bogotá, Colombia, is founded by

Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada 1600 Henry IV of France invades Savoy after negotiations break down over Saluzzo, controlled by Savoy since 1588

Saluzzo, controlled by Savoy since 1588

August 7:

626 Battle at Constantinople 768 Stephen III begins reign as Catholic Pope 936 Otto I the Great becomes King of Germany

1409 Council of Pisa closes

1428 Valais witch trial proceedings begin in Valais Canton, Switzerland, first organized witch trials

1461 Ming Dynasty Chinese military general Cao Qin stages a coup against the Tianshun Emperor

1479 Battle of Guinegate

1485 Henry Tudor's army lands in Milford Haven, South Wales

1573 Francis Drake's fleet returns to Plymouth after a year spent raiding for Spanish treasure

1575 Spanish troops conquer Oudewater, almost all inhabitants died

August 8:

70 Tower of Antonia destroyed by Romans 936 German king Otto I the Great crowned

1220 Battle of Lihula

1322 Emperor Godaigo makes Sojiji the chief monastery of Soto Sect

1508 Spaniard Juan Ponce de León founds Caparra first European settlement in Puerto Rico 1509 Emperor Krishna deva Raya is

crowned, marking the beginning of the regeneration of the Vijayanagara Empire in Southern India

1549 Henry II of France declares war on England and orders the siege of Boulogne 1567 Duke of Alva's army enters Brussels, Belgium

1570 Peace of Saint-Germain-and-Laye, more freedom for Huguenots

1576 Cornerstone laid for Tycho Brahe's observatory in Uraniborg, Denmark, at the time world's most advanced research institution

1585 Pope Sixtus excommunicates Henry of Navarre

1585 John Davis enters Cumberland Sound in search of the Northwest Passage August 9:

378 Battle of Adrianople

681 Bulgaria is founded as a Khanate on the south bank of the Danube, after





This Month in History, continued...

Emperor Constantine IV south of the Danube delta

1173 Construction of the Tower of Pisa begins, takes two centuries to complete 1253 Clare of Assisi's rules confirmed by Pope Innocent IV for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies 1329 Quilon the first Indian Diocese was erected by Pope John XXII and Jordanus was appointed the first Bishop 1378 Cardinals declare pope Urbanus VI lawless 1483 Opening of Sistine Chapel in Vatican 1559 Willem of Orange becomes viceroy of Holland/Zealand/Utrecht

1596 Henry van Cuyk becomes bishop of Roermond

August 10:

70 Second Temple in Jerusalem set on fire by Roman army under Titus during the capture of the city

610 In Islam, the traditional date of the Laylat al-Qadr, when Muhammad began to receive the Qur'an

654 Pope Eugene I elected to succeed Martinus I

843 Treaty of Verdun

955 Battle of Lechfeld

991 Battle of Maldon

1304 -11 Battle at Zierik Sea

1316 Second Battle of Athenry

1461 Alfonso ed Espina, bishop of Osma

urges for an Inquisition in Spain 1497 John Cabot tells King Henry VII of his trip to "Asia"

1500 Portuguese sea captain Diego Diaz is first European to sight Madagascar

1511 Portuguese troops occupy parts of Malacca

1512 Battle of Saint-Mathieu

1557 Battle of St Quentin in Picardy

1566 Protestant Iconoclasm "Beeldenstorm" begins in European Low Countries

1585 English Queen Elizabeth I signs Treaty of Nonsuch: Aid for Netherlands

August 11:

355 Claudius Silvanus, accused of treason, proclaims himself Roman Emperor against Constantius II.

1304 Sea battle of Zierikzee, Franco-Holland forces defeat Flemish fleet 1492 Rodrigo de Borja becomes Pope Alexander VI

1522 Uprising of Adel/Burgerij in Austria fails 1597 Germany throws out English sales people

August 12:

3 Venus-Jupiter in conjunction-Star of Bethlehem

1099 Battle at Ascalon

1121 Battle of Didgori 1164 Battle of Harim

1323 Treaty of Nöteborg

1332 Battle of Dupplin Moor

1336 English King Edward III ends wool

export to Flanders

1480 Battle of Otranto

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

THE BATTLE OF ADRIANOPLE

Occurred on August 9, 378 CE during the period known as the Gothic Wars

The Battle of Adrianople, sometimes referred to as the Battle of Hadrianople, occurred on August 9, 378 CE during the period known as the Gothic Wars. It was fought between the Eastern Roman Empire and the Goths. Emperor Valens was the commanding general for the Romans, King Fritigern commanded the Thuringians, and the Gruthungi fell under the command of their dukes Alatheus and Salaces. The Roman Empire had been no match for the cavalry of the Goths with their irregular style in which they had used in their attack. The defeat of the Romans by these barbarians ended up being an enormous loss for the Empire and it would ultimately lead them down the path to their eventual demise.

On May 30, 378 Valens had arrived in Constantinople and found that the people of the city had been very upset with the way he had been handling the Goths. The Goths had isolated Thrace, and had also infiltrated Constantinople and this left the people with no sufficient strength or means to resist them. The public had blamed Valens for the onslaught of barbarians and felt that he had been doing nothing to stop them. On June 11 Valens had threatened the people that if he returned to the city they would be punished for their insolence and disrespectful behavior towards him. Valens had chosen to leave for his palace at Melanthias where he had appeased his army with morale boosting speeches to try and raise their spirits. He also had given them well needed money and supplies. At this time he decided to change command of the infantry from Trajan to Sebastian before moving out against the enemy.

Upon leaving his palace he had arrived at Nice where he had learned of the Goths success and the riches they had collected throughout the territory. He also learned that their present location had been outside of Hadrianople. Valens summoned Sebastian,



<u>Bust of Valens or Honorius. Marble, Roman</u> <u>artwork, ca. 400 CE.</u>

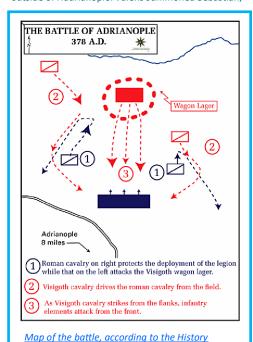
along with three hundred handpicked men from each legion and sent them off to the gates of the city in order to show good faith to its citizens.

However, when Sebastian and his men had reached the gates at Hadrianople the people did not open them for Sebastian and his soldiers. The inhabitants of Hadrianople were not sure who Sebastian was and were afraid of being deceived as they had been in the past. Once they had realized who he was they allow Sebastian to enter the city with his troops. The men received food and rest before moving out the next morning. By evening the army had come upon the Goths camping near the river Maritza and they waited till night fall to launch a surprise attach. Sebastian and his men had managed to catch the Goths off guard thus slaughtering them and collected massive amounts of booty. When news had reached Fritigern of the carnage imposed upon his detachment of men he at once gathered all the remaining men and had them meet near the town of Cabyle. Once everyone had arrived they made off for Hadrianople.

The reports that Valens had been receiving from Sebastian did not sit well with him and all at once he gathered his men and had set off towards Hadrianople. He did however leave behind a detachment of archers and a squadron of cavalry in order to thwart the enemy from blockading their supply routes.

Once the Goths had reached the outskirts of Hadrianople they commenced to set up camp reinforcing it with a rampart of palisades and waited for the rest of their soldiers to arrive.

Valens had gathered his counsel and discussed what strategy they were to take. Some suggested that they should attack immediately and others felt that they should wait for reinforcements from the Gallic army. The sources disagreed on which general was for or against attacking the Goths. Finally it had been decided



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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The Battle of Adrianople, Continued...



<u>Valens, portrait on a Roman coin, c. AD 360; in</u> <u>the British Museum</u>

by the emperor that they should not waste any more time and prepared for the immediate attack. It is possible that the final decision to attack had been based on a false report that stated only 10,000 men had been seen in the enemy's ranks.

While the Roman army had been preparing for battle a messenger had been sent over from the Goths. He had been a presbyter of the Christian religion, who had been chased out of his home, and presented a letter from Fritigern asking to allow the ambassador and his followers to take Thrace along with everything in it. If Valens agreed to these terms then the Goths would have agreed to everlasting peace. The messenger also gave Valens some other secret letters alluding to the fact that the Goths had no other means to negotiate with. The man was sent away, under suspicion from the camp without success in negotiating peace.

At day break the Roman colors and baggage had been placed close to the walls of the city and placed under guard. The treasure and chief insignia had been placed inside the walls along with the prefect and prominent members of the counsel. After securing their goods the Romans had set out for the Gothic camp and came upon their wagons around noon. The barbarians had yelled out a fiercely loud war cry while the Romans busily got into position with the right wing of the cavalry in the front and the main portion of the infantry held in reserve.

The Goths had been alarmed by the on rushing Roman soldiers and again sent an ambassador to inquire about the possibility of peace. Valens had been offended by the low rank of the men sent to negotiate peace and said "they must send nobles of significant dignity." The Goths used this as an opportunity to stall the Romans and to give their cavalry enough time to arrive as support for the ensuing battle. By this time the Romans had already begun to suffer the effects of the hot summer with the distress of hunger that had begun to settle in on their anxious bodies.

It was at this time Fritigern, as it was custom to do, had requested that some hostages be sent over to him in order to ensure his own safety and Valens agreed. A man named Richomers had volunteered for the duty of being held a captive. As Richomers approached the Gothic camp he was attacked and had not been allowed to pass. By this time the Gothic cavalry had arrived wreaking havoc in their path.

In the onslaught of chaos the Roman soldiers began to retreat but were soon regrouped by their officers and had made a new stand and continued the fight. As the two lines came together the Roman left wing had managed to come up upon the Gothic wagons but was

not able to push on because they had been abandoned by the Roman cavalry. The Roman line continued on only to be beaten down by the enemy's massive and unstoppable force. The Roman infantry had been left without support and became bunched up with the inability to even draw their swords. Dust filled the air making it almost impossible to even see the sky, only the cries of the men could be heard off into the distance.

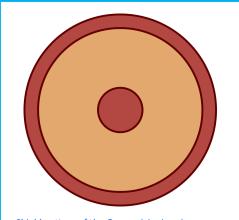
The Romans on the other hand did not give up and continued to fight and took down as many barbarians as they possible could. All around the battlefield were dead or dying men. Finally the Romans began to concede to their eminent defeat. Blood was everywhere, making them slip up from under their feet. Death surrounded the men all around and yet some had still managed to hang on for dear life.

After this disastrous battle, when night had veiled the earth in darkness, those who survived fled, some to the right, some to the left, or wherever fear guided them, each man seeking refuge among his relations, as no one could think of anything but himself, while all fancied the lances of the enemy sticking in their backs. And far off were heard the miserable wailings of those who were left behind—the sobs of the dying, and the agonizing groans of the wounded.

The barbarians, having watched the Romans flee from the battle ground became very angry and gave instant pursuit. The Goths had cut the Romans down leaving no man alive. Only nightfall had put an end to the ongoing slaughter and carnage. Marcellinus said the surviving men gathered, Valens along with them, and an arrow soon found Valens, bringing him to his death. Scholasticus stated that some had said that Valens having taken off his robe ran into the main body of the infantry and was killed along with his men when the cavalry refused to engage. His body had not been distinguishable from the rest of the corpses.

Other reports had said that Valens did not die right away on the battlefield, but was picked up by some soldiers and eunuchs and taken to a nearby cabin. The cabin later had been surrounded by the barbarians and set on fire burning it to the ground with everyone inside having been killed. Scholasticus also verifies a version of Valens having been burnt alive in a local village.

Many well-known men had died in this battle, among them Trajan and Sebastian. Only about one-third of the whole army managed to escape the massacre. Not since the Battle of Cannae had such losses been imposed upon Rome and her army. Almost the entire Roman army was destroyed upon this deadly battlefield. It would be a defeat long remembered by Rome and her people for many years to come.



Shield pattern of the Germaniciani seniores, according to Notitia dignitatum.

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This Month in History, continued...

New World

1499 First engagement Battle of Zonchio between Venetian & Ottoman fleets 1530 Florence surrenders for emperor Karel I

1549 French troops conquer Ambleteuse, in Pas-de-Calais, & kill all English prisoners 1553 Pope Julius III orders confiscation & burning of Jewish Talmud 1588 Commander of English fleet Lord

Howard of Effingham calls off chase of Spanish Armada off coast of Scotland 1588 Medemblik surrenders to Spanish August 13:

523 St John I begins reign as Catholic Pope 1099 Raniero elected as Pope Paschal II 1326 Aradia de Toscano, according to legend, is initiated into a Dianic witchcraft cult and subsequently founds tradition of Stregheria, later known as the Malandanti 1415 King Henry V of England army lands on mouth of Seine River 1516 The Treaty of

1521 Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortéscapture Aztec Emperor Cuauhtémoc in Tenochtitlan marking the end of the Aztec Empire 1536 Buddhist monks from Kyōto's Enryaku Temple set fire to 21 Nichiren temples throughout Kyoto in the Tenbun Hokke Disturbance 1553 Michael Servetus is arrested by John Calvinin Geneva as a heretic 1578 Duke Frans of Anjou recognized as

protector of Netherlands

August 14:

554 Ravenna becomes seat of Byzantine military governor in Italy 1040 King Duncan I of Scotland killed in battle against his first cousin and rival Macbeth 1183 Taira no Munemori and Taira clan take young Emperor Antoku & 3 sacred treasures and flee to western Japan to escape Minamoto clan 1281 During Kublai Khan's 2nd Invasion of Japan his invading Chinese fleet of 3,500 vessels disappears in typhoon near Japan 1385 Portuguese defeat Castilians at Aljubarrota, retain independence 1395 Utrecht bishop Frederik of Blankenheim occupies Coevorden 1457 Oldest known exactly dated printed book





Three of Landini's most notable pieces

Deh Demmi Tu (Madrigal for three voices): https://youtu.be/ysEkS6xC3TM

Ecco la Primavera (Ballata for two voices): https://youtu.be/EBkPBVHpql

Cosi Pensoso (Caccia for three voices): https://youtu.be/eB0QXbTsB4U

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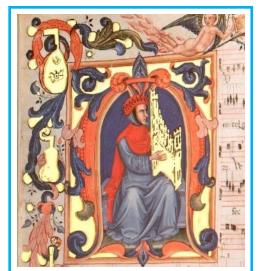
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Composers' Corner Francesco de Firenze

(Francesco Landini)

By Mistress Arianna Morgan, OP



Francesco Landini's Portrait in the <u>Squarcialupi</u> <u>Codex</u>. In this portrait, Francesco is playing his portive organ or organetto.

For the inaugural installment of the "Composer's Corner", I've decided to feature Francesco de Firenze, more commonly known and Francesco Landini (also spelled as Landino).

Although the date and place of his birth is not certain, it appears that Landini was born in Fiesole, near Florence Italy in 1335 and died in Florence in 1397. He was one of the most prolific composers of 14th century Italy. Approximately a third of the extant Italian secular music of the fourteenth century was written by Landini. Although there are records that indicate that he also wrote sacred music, none of it has survived.

In addition to being a composer, Landini was famed for his ability on the organetto, a small portative organ that was pumped with one hand and played with the other. In 1365, he was named choirmaster at the church of St. Lorenzo in Florence, a position he held until his death in 1397. Landini was also a famed poet, played several other instruments, and sang. In 1364, Landini received a laurel wreath from the King of Cyprus in Venice for winning a poetry competition at the festival in honor of the subjugation of the rebels of Candia.

Francesco was blind since early childhood as a result of contracting smallpox. It is speculated that his blindness actually aided in furthering his career in that he had an amazing memory and ability to improvise.

The melodies of Landini's songs are highly

ornamental in nature and are always in the top part. The lower part or parts are viewed as support for the melody. As with other music of the period, his music is characterized by elaborate patterns, syncopation, and an evident lack of emotional connection between the words and music. His songs were performed by voices, instruments, or a combination of the two. Each piece was written for two or three "voices."

Of Landini's surviving 154 collected works, all but 14 are Ballatas, the most popular form of secular music in 14th century Italy. The music of the ballata is composed in two sections, the strophs (verses) which alternated with a refrain (ripresa). A unique feature of the ballata is that poetically, the successive verses have an interlocking design in which the last line of the previous verse is also the first line of the new verse.

The 14 remaining pieces consist of 12 "Madrigali" or Madrigals and two Caccias. As a poetic and musical form, the madrigal typically had two verses followed by a "ritornello" meaning little return. The Harvard Dictionary of Music defines ritornello as the couplet at the end of a poem which usually expresses the "thought" derived from the previous description. It's musical composition is treated as a separate section usually involving a change in meter.

The term Caccia means hunt or chase. The Caccia employs lively, descriptive words describing hunting activities, nature, market scenes, battle, fires, etc. There is little concern for rhyme schemes. Musically, the term caccia indicates a musical form (today known as a canon) in which each voice "chases" the other. Compared to the Ballata and the Caccia, the 14th century madrigal enjoyed a relatively short period of popularity, approximately 45 years.

Most of Landini's work can be found in a vellum manuscript known as the Squarcialupi Codex named in honor of its first owner, Antonio Squarcialupi. Published in the 15th century, it contains 205 pieces of which 145 were written by Landini. The music of 12 Italian composers are featured in this codex. The music of each composer is grouped together. Each section starts with an illuminated portrait of the composer. The unfinished original manuscript is housed in Florence, Italy in the Laurentian Library.

This Month in History, continued...

1498 Christopher Columbus landed at the mouth of the Orinoco River in what is now Venezuela 1551 Turkish fleet under Dragut occupies Tripoli 1559 Spanish explorer de Luna lands in Pensacola Bay, Fla 1585 Queen Elizabeth I of England refuses sovereignty of Netherlands

1590 Publication of Christopher Marlowe's play "Tamburlaine the Great" is recorded by Stationers' Company of London

1597 Cornelis de Houtmans fleet is 1st Dutch visit to Java August 15:

778 Battle of Roncevaux Pass

927 The Saracens conquer and destroy Taranto. 1185 The cave city of Vardzia is consecrated by Queen Tamar of Georgia

1248 Construction of Cologne Cathedral begun 1308 Knights of St John conquer Rhodes 1457 Earliest dated book, "Mainz Psalter," completed 1461 Empire of Trebizond surrenders to forces of Sultan Mehmet II - last Byzantine Empire remnant to fall, Emperor David exiled and later murdered 1517 Seven Portuguese armed vessels led by Fernão Pires de Andrade meet Chinese officials at the Pearl River estuary

1519 Panama City founded by Spanish conquistador Pedro Arias Dávila

1534 Ignatius of Loyola forms society of Jesuits

1537 Asunción, Paraguay, is founded

1540 Arequipa, Peru, is founded

1548 Mary Queen of Scotland arrives in France, aged 6 1549 Jesuit priest Saint Francis Xavier comes ashore at Kagoshima

1599 Nine Years War: Battle of Curlew Pass

August 16:

1384 Hongwu Emperor of Ming China, Emperor Dong, hears case of couple who tore money bills while fighting over themm, decides to pardon them 1513 Battle of the Spurs at Guinegate 1570 King Janos Sigismund Zapolyai signs secret treaty with Maximilian II

August 17:

682 St Leo II begins his reign as Catholic Pope 1180 Yoritomo Minamoto leads uprising against Kiyomori Taira who installed grandson, Emperor Antoku, to throne 1544 Imperial/English armies occupy Saint-Dizier France 1563 King Charles IX of France declared adult at 13 1577 Peace of Bergerac

1579 Francois of Anjou visits English Queen Elizabeth I 1585 Antwerp surrenders after 8 months siege by **Duke of Parma**

1590 Governor of Roanoke Island colony, John White, returns from England to find no trace of the colonists he had left there 3 years earlier

440 St Sixtus III ends his reign as Catholic Pope 1201 The city of Riga is founded.

1289 Pope Nicolas IV publishes degree "Supra montem"

1418 Competition announced to design dome of Florentine cathedral, main competitors Lorenzo Ghiberti and Filippo Brunelleschi

1541 A Portuguese ship drifts ashore in the ancient Japanese province of Higo

1564 Spanish king Philip II joins Council of Trente 1587 Saul Wahl is elected King of Poland, according to legend

August 19:

1099 Crusaders beat Saracens in Battle of Ascalon 1263 King James I of Aragon censors Hebrew writing 1274 Edward I is crowned King of England at Westminster Abbey after returning from Ninth Crusade

1399 King Richard II of England surrenders to his cousin Henry

1458 Aenea Silvio Piccolomini chosen Pope Pius II 1493 Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I becomes

Archduke of Austria

1504 Battle of Knockdoe in Galway Ireland 1524 Emperor Charles V's troops besiege Marseille, France 1561 Mary Queen of Scots arrives in Leith, Scotland to assume throne after spending 13 years in France 1587 Sigismund III becomes King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania

1591 French King Henry IV occupies Rouen

August 20:

2 Venus and Jupiter in conjunction - possible astrological explanation for Star of Bethlehem 573 Gregory of Tours selected bishop of Tours 636 Battle at Yarmuk

917 Battle at Anchialus

1000 The foundation of the Hungarian state, Hungary is established as a Christian kingdom by Stephen I of Hungary

1191 Crusader King Richard I kills 3,000 Muslim prisoners in Akko

1391 Konrad von Wallenrode becomes the 24th Hochmeister of the Teutonic Order

1534 Turkish admiral Chaireddin "Barbarossa" occupies Tunis

1566 Iconoclasm reaches Antwerp, Belgium 1597 1st Dutch East India Company ships return from the Far East

August 21:

959 Erachus becomes bishop of Luik 1192 Minamoto Yoritomo becomes Seii Tai Shōgun and the de facto ruler of Japan

1264 Kublai Khan accepts surrender of younger brother Ariq Böke at Xanadu, at end of Mongol civil war

1321 160 Jews of Chincon France, burned at stake 1541 Ottoman Turks under Suleiman the

Magnificent capture Buda, capital of Hungarian Kingdom and go on to dominate central Hungary for 150 years

1560 Tycho Brahe becomes interested in astronomy 1573 Spain begin siege of Alkmaar in Netherlands 1598 -22 Deed of Transfers proclaims Netherlands

August 22:

392 Arbogast has Eugenius elected Western Roman Emperor 565 St Columba reports seeing monster in Loch Ness 851 Erispoe defeats Charles the Bald near the Breton town of Jengland

1138 English defeat the Scottish at Cowton Moor, Yorkshire. Banners of various saints carried into battle - led to the name Battle of the Standard 1454 Jews are expelled from Brunn Moravia by order of King Ladislaus

1485 Battle of Bosworth Field

1543 Emperor Charles V's army occupies Duren 1559 Spanish archbishop Bartholome de Carranza arrested as heretic

1572 Failed assassination on Gaspard de Coligny, a French nobleman and admiral, a Huguenot leader in the French Wars of Religion

1582 King James VI of Scotland captured

August 23:

79 Mount Vesuvius begins stirring, on feast day of Vulcan, Roman god of fire

406 Battle at Florence

476 Odoacer proclaimed King of Italy by his troops, 1st barbarian King of Italy

1046 King Henry III gives money to Utrecht Deventer diocese

1305 William Wallace is executed for high treason by Edward I of England

1328 Battle at Kassel

1441 Holland & Hanzesteden sign cease fire treaty 1500 Governor Francisco De Bobadilla arrives in Indies, soon after arrests and sends former Governor Christopher Columbus back to Spain in chains 1541 French explorer Jacques Cartier lands near

Quebec City in his third voyage to Canada 1542 Rabbi Joseph Caro completes his commentary of Tur Code

1553 Bishop Stephen Gardiner appointed English **Lord Chancellor**

1566 Beeldenstorm reaches Amsterdam 1582 French van Valois pays tribute to earl of Flanders 1595 Battle of Calugareni

August 24:

79 Mt Vesuvius erupts, buries Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum, 15,000 die

410 Rome overrun by Visigoths under Alaric I for first time in nearly 800 years, seen as fall of Western Roman Empire 1215 Pope Innocent III declares Magna Carta invalid

1217 Battle of South Foreland

1349 6,000 Jews, blamed for Plague are killed in Mainz 1349 Jews of Cologne Germany set themselves on fire to avoid baptism

1391 Jews of Palma, Mallorca, massacred

1456 Printing of the Gutenberg Bible is completed 1511 Afonso de Albuquerque of Portugal conquers Malacca, the capital of the Sultanate of Malacca.

1516 Battle of Marj Dabiq

1542 Conquistador Francisco de Orellana returns to Spain 1558 Battle of Gravelines

1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of Protestants by Roman Catholics begins in Paris and later spreads to French provinces

August 25:

325 Council of Nicaea ends with adoption of Nicene Creed establishing the doctrine of the Holy Trinity 357 Battle at Straatsburg

1212 Children's crusade under Nicolas reaches Genoa 1248 Dutch city of Ommen receives city rights & fortification rights from Otto III, Archbishop of Utrecht

1330 Antipope Nicholas V, having obtained assurance of pardon, presents a confession of his sins to Pope John XXII, at Avignon, who absolved him

1425 Countess Jacoba of Bavaria escapes from jail 1499 Battle at Sanienza

1537 The Honourable Artillery Company, the oldest surviving regiment in British Army, and 2nd most senior, is formed 1540 Explorer Hernando de Alarcon travels up Colorado River

1566 Iconoclastic fury begins in Dutch province Utrecht 1580 Battle of Alcantara

August 26:

1071 Battle of Manzikert

1278 Battle of Marchfeld

1303 Ala ud din Khilji captures Chittorgarh

1346 Battle of Crécy

1466 A conspiracy against Piero di Cosimo de Medici in Florence, led by Luca Pitti, is discovered 1545 Pope Paul III names his son Pierluigi Farnese as Duke of Parma

August 27:

663 Battle of Baekgan

1232 The Formulary of Adjudications is promulgated by Regent Hōjō Yasutoki

1549 Battle of Dussindale

1569 Pope Pius names Cosimo I de Medici as grand **Duke of Tuscany**

1585 Duke of Parma's troops occupy Antwerp

August 28:

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troops occupy Antwerp August 28:

475 Roman general Orestes forces western Roman Emperor Julius Nepos to flee his capital city, Ravenna.

476 German ruler Flavius Odoacer captures Pavia

476 Orestes, father of Emperor Romulus Augustulus is captured and executed by Odoacer and his followers

August 29:

708 Copper coins are minted in Japan for the first time

1178 Anti-Pope Callistus III gives pope title to Alexander III

1261 Jacques Pantaleon elected as Pope Urban IV

1350 Battle of Winchelsea: The English naval fleet under King Edward III defeats a Castilian fleet of 40 ships.

1475 Treaty of Picquigny: King Louis XI buys English contacts

1484 Giovanni Battista Cibo elected as Pope Innocent VIII

1526 Battle of Mohács: In a decisive battle the Hungarian Empire is conquered by the Ottoman Empire led by Suleiman the Magnificent

1533 Francisco Pizarro orders the death of the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa 1540 Emperor Karel deprives city Gent of its definitive rights and privileges

August 30:

257 St Sixtus II begins his reign as Catholic Pope

1125 Duke Lotharius of Supplinburg elected king of Germany 1146 European leaders outlaw crossbow,

intending to end war for all time 1363 Beginning of the Battle of Lake Poyang; two Chinese rebel leaders Chen Youliang and Zhu Yuanzhang are pitted against each other in what was one of the

largest naval battles in history during Mongol-led Yuan Dynasty

1464 Pietro Barbo elected to succeed Pope Pius II as Pope Paul II

1481 2 Latvian monarchs executed for conspiracy to Polish king Casimir IV 1563 Jewish community of Neutitschlin, Moravia, expelled

1574 Ram Das becomes the 4th Sikh Guru 1590 Tokugawa leyasu enters Edo Castle August 31:

1142 Possible date for establishment of the Iroquois League - with the aid of Hiawatha and Deganawidah

1230 Bishop Willebrand of Utrecht grants Swells state justice

1310 German king Heinrich VII makes his son Johan king of Bohemia

1422 Henry VI becomes King of England at the age of 9 months

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