



The Anthroposophical Society **Canada**
La Société Anthroposophique

September 2024 Enews

Upcoming **Anthroposophy Canada Wide** Workshops for Members
with Barbrah Nicoll (Oct. 20) and Robert McKay (Dec. 8)



Sunday October 20th
1pm PST, 3pm Central, 4pm EST
and 5pm Atlantic

**MORE PRECIOUS
THAN LIGHT**
Listening,
Conversation, and
Healing the Social Body

A 90-minute workshop with
Barbrah Nicoll

Through sharing biography with a
Goethean approach



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**THE
ANTHROPOSOPHICAL
PATH**
An Experiential
Introduction

A 90-minute workshop with
Robert McKay

An experiential introduction to a

to listening we will practice deeper
presencing with each other.

Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/96374455243>

number of meditations as practiced
through Spiritual Science.

Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95603357769>

Manu Hall Eurythmy Fundraiser



Dear friends,

For 6 years now, Maison Emmanuel, modelled on the worldwide Camphill movement, has graciously provided our Interval eurythmy ensemble with a practise space for weekly and intensive rehearsals, as well as storage for all our costumes and equipment.

We're so grateful! Without this opportunity, we would not have been able to pursue the development of artistic eurythmy in Quebec, Canada and internationally.

However, our eurythmy work is currently taking place in the basement of Maison Cérés, one of Maison Emmanuel's large houses, which is also home for 6 adults in need of care and volunteer coworkers. The space is also used for Maison Emmanuel's eurythmy group and therapy, for the weekly Sunday service, occasional Christian Community Service, and for all of Maison Emmanuel's events and festival celebrations. The space is limited and was only ever intended as a temporary home for these activities therefore, Maison Emmanuel has a long-standing project to build a hall that can better serve the needs of all who use it. The aim is to have a large independent space that in addition to the current activities will offer the possibility of artistic presentations for an audience of around 80 people.

After many years of fund-raising, Maison Emmanuel is now very close to its goal and very much hopes that 2025 will mark the birth of the building under the tutelage of the being of Manu, named after him.

The architects plans propose a warm, welcoming space at the heart of Maison Emmanuel, at a discreet distance from the residential homes. Manu Hall will be a haven for human encounters, social, cultural, religious and artistic activities, and will be a rich contribution not only to Maison Emmanuel and the future of artistic and therapeutic eurythmy, but also to the entire surrounding community.



Manu Hall, architectural rendering

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A glimpse of the Literary Arts and Humanities Section conference in Toronto, September 13-15
Corinna Sons

The program of the conference was packed: seven inspiring talks on the main day, plus eurythmy, speech, a poetry slam, and a dramatic reading... you will hear more about this remarkable event in the coming issues. Here I want to share with you some notes I took from Philip Thatcher's opening lecture about Canadian literature. Philip invited us to explore with him the spirit of Canada which he describes as a land largely "held by water". When I looked at my notes that night, I found that they read like poetry and capture something essential about our country. Thank you, Philip!

Fluid country
No frontiers
A country without a mythology
Indifferent
Silence
Gods withdrawn
How do I belong here?
Where is here?
A here which is fluid
Nowhere exactly
The land knows we are strangers
Warmth is a precious reality



The Last Address

Message from the world-wide circle of General Secretaries of the Anthroposophical Society

Dear Friends,
As we approach the festival of Michaelmas and the centenary of Rudolf Steiner's Last Address to members, everyone, around the world, is invited, on September 28, 2024 at 20:00 hours, to read it.

This is a **NEW link** (as the last one did not open for everyone.)

Sending everyone at this time, Warm Michaelmas wishes of Light and Strength

Saturday, Saturday, October 19, 2024

12:00 – 2:30 PM (Eastern Standard Time), USA

The Logos and the Human "I"

Zoom presentation by

Christine Gruwez

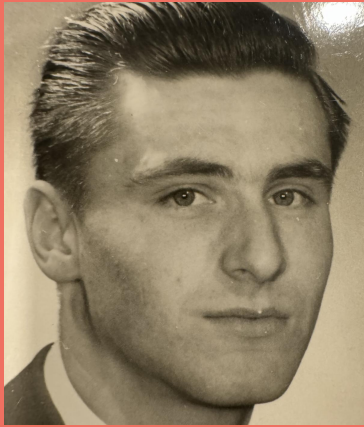
For information, please contact:

Dorothy LeBaron: lebaron@nauticalmind.com

\$15 suggested donation

The link to the Zoom Meeting, will be available a week prior to the meeting

Christine Gruwez studied philosophy and linguistics at the KU Leuven, the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium. She met Anthroposophy through the Waldorf School in Antwerp, which her four children attended, and where she taught from 1976 to 1986. She also taught for a decade in the Waldorf Education Training Program. Since 1997, Christine has led seminars and conferences at Emerson College, at the Goetheanum, in Europe, Asia and the US.

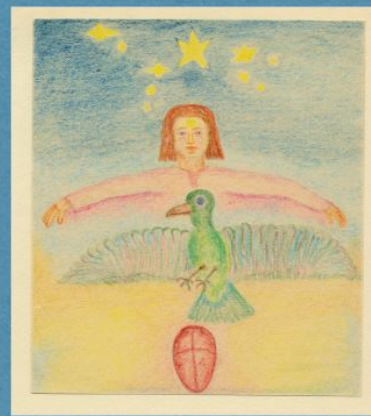


**Val Willms
OBITUARY**

Valentine (Val) Paul Willms, teacher and lifelong student of Anthroposophy, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2024, in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of 88.

Val was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1936. Val had an aptitude for languages - Latin and French especially -- and taught them at secondary schools in Ontario, Alberta and BC. He was deeply influenced by his mother, Anna Fast -- a steadfast follower of Rudolph Steiner and a long time member of the Anthroposophical Society. Val joined the Anthroposophical Society in 1972 and remained a member until physical and cognitive decline resulted in his hospitalization in 2016 and move to a care home in 2017. Val embraced Steiner's teachings about the interconnectedness of spiritual and earthly life, the significance of personal responsibility, and the continuous evolution of the human soul towards higher spiritual realms. A picture of Steiner remained by his

Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul and Karl König's Drawings



Drawing by Karl König for week 32 of Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul

An Inner Journey Through the Year

**November 1 - 3, 2024
Hesperus Village, Thornhill, Ontario**

Calendar of the Soul and Karl König's Drawings

with lectures by Richard Steel

"An Inner Journey Through the

bedside until his death.

Val was predeceased by siblings, John Willms, Edgar Willems, and Vicki Brandt. He will be remembered by nephews, Jordon Brandt and Michael Brandt of British Columbia, and nieces, Michele Delwiche and Sandra Halvorsen of Minnesota, USA. His intellect and spirit fed many lively conversations.

Val was cremated and his ashes were interred at the Glen Eden Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg, Manitoba, alongside the graves of his parents, per his request.

Michael Brandt

Year"

A combined initiative of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada, the Polaris Branch and the Association of Biography Workers in Canada

November 1 - 3, 2024

Address: 1 Hesperus Road,
Thornhill, ON L4J 0G9

Program and Registration Click **Here**

The conference will include music, lectures, eurythmy, painting and creative writing, accompanying the exhibition of the 52 color drawings by Karl König.

Contact Jef Saunders with any questions:

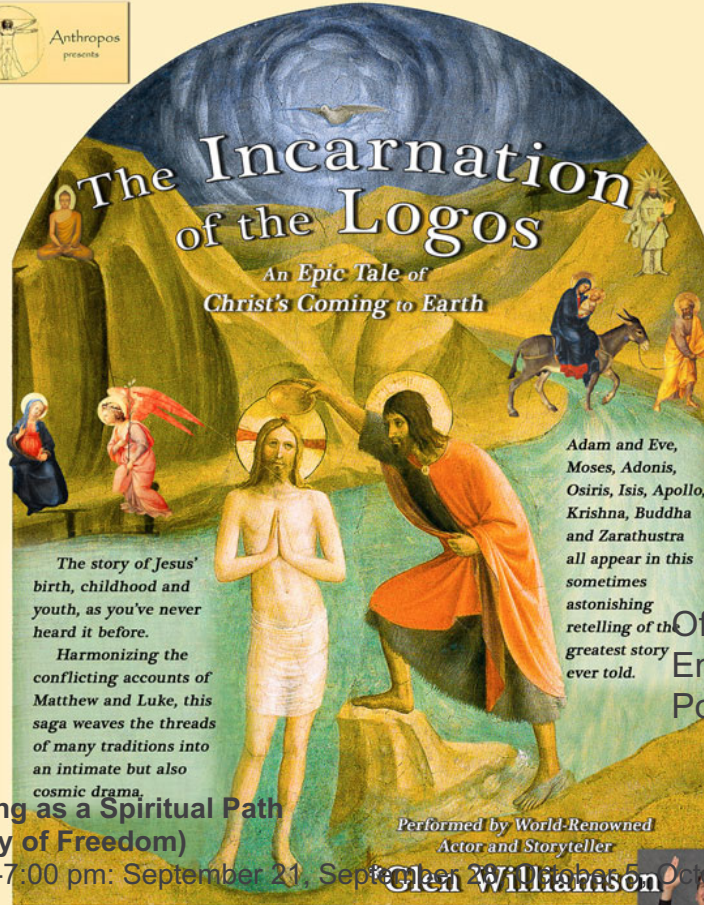
TEL: 647-870-6003

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Toronto Event October 18th

The Incarnation of the Logos

with Glen Williamson, Oct. 18 at Hesperus



The Incarnation of the Logos

An Epic Tale of Christ's Coming to Earth

The story of Jesus' birth, childhood and youth, as you've never heard it before. Harmonizing the conflicting accounts of Matthew and Luke, this saga weaves the threads of many traditions into an intimate but also cosmic drama.

Adam and Eve, Moses, Adonis, Osiris, Isis, Apollo, Krishna, Buddha and Zarathustra all appear in this sometimes astonishing retelling of the greatest story ever told.

Performed by World-Renowned Actor and Storyteller

Glen Williamson



Photo by Noah

Offerings and Employment Possibilities

Intuitive Thinking as a Spiritual Path (The Philosophy of Freedom)

Saturdays 5:30-7:00 pm: September 21, September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19

Sundays 9:00-10:30 am: September 22, September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20

This course is held online via Zoom; all times are Pacific Time. Presented by the Polaris Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada • Friday October 18th, 7 pm, in the Seminar Room at Hesperus • Suggested contribution \$20

The study of Rudolf Steiner's seminal philosophical work, *Intuitive Thinking as a Spiritual Path* (or *The Philosophy of Freedom*), can be a challenging and rewarding endeavour. In this course we will be working with the text in a very intensive manner over a short period of time.

Auditing Fee: \$250 CDN

This course is open to Waldorf educators and those interested in anthroposophy. Please visit our [website](http://www.westcoastinstitute.org) to register; if you have questions please contact Ruth Ker ece@westcoastinstitute.org, or Debbie Laurin debbielaurin@westcoastinstitute.org

Early Childhood Educator Training Program Co-Director

West Coast Institute for Studies in Anthroposophy is hiring an Early Childhood Educator Training Program Co-Director. The candidate must have training and teaching experience in the field of Waldorf Early Childhood Education. Additionally, they will have experience teaching and working with adults in the principles and practices of Waldorf Education. Responsibilities include willingness to collaborate with other teacher training institutes, handling inquiries, and performing a variety of office duties. The candidate will work with faculty, board members, and administration. The ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills and the ability to work independently and as part of a team. The individual considered for Program Co-Director is ideally a member of the Anthroposophical Society. Essential to this role are basic computer skills. Program co-director will need to travel to British Columbia for the three training sessions: three weeks in July and one week each in November and February.

Part-time position, details to be determined in collaboration with WCI.

We anticipate there will be a training period.

Application deadline: Open until filled

Start date: to be determined between WCI and the applicant

Please send resume and cover letter to admin@westcoastinstitute.org

Visit our website to learn more about West Coast Institute: www.westcoastinstitute.org



Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi - An Update From Sarnia Guiton in Kenya

“I’ve never worked at a school before where the children cry when they have to leave for school holidays.”

Words from a teacher at the Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi in Nairobi, Kenya.

Incomprehensible? Not when those children will be leaving their loving boarding parents to go back to the slums, to someone who doesn’t want them, where they will be hungry most of the time and abused in all kinds of ways. They return to school malnourished, physically damaged and with fear in their eyes. It takes many days for their confidence to return, their tummies to really feel full, the bruises to disappear and, if anything worse has happened, medical attention and trauma therapy is needed. Something has to be done.

This is a rescue school that takes in destitute and impoverished children and depends on sponsors and concerned funders for their financial needs. Staying at school for these children is not an option. The government requires all boarding children go ‘home’ at holiday times, irrespective of whether there really is a home to go to.

A small group has formed to find a viable alternative. Two teachers and two concerned individuals are working towards a creating a Holiday Camp for these children, on the model of N. American Summer Camps. We need to provide for 45 to 50 children from aged 4 to 16, just over 10% of the children at the school. We have found a farm that provides a campsite and programs for children in a beautiful environment. We are exploring what the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) offers, where the children would be in nature with local wildlife around – not the predatory ones!

We already have 3 large tents and are researching the cost for 4 more. One of us is finding sleeping bags at Thrift Stores for \$10 each. The school already has a portable kitchen and school buses. The whole school is excited about this – teachers, boarding parents, administrative staff, gardeners, cooks, cleaners – everyone! Many are willing to give up some of their vacation time to be a part of it. Yet excitement and good will does not simultaneously allow school funds to be diverted to this project. The school calendar in Kenya goes from January to December; the long two-month holiday is November to December. We are hoping there will be a few Waldorf Seniors who might do their Community Service requirement here with the children, in the natural Kenya environment. The language is English; the basic tenets of the education are the same and the children, freed from the misery of their previous ‘holidays’, are happy, warm, respectful and delightful company.

We are gathering funds – donations from those who can feel this need in their souls. If you can help, a donation can be made to AWSNA in America and ASC in Canada, both earmarked for Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi, for a tax-deductible receipt. Unfortunately, it is a slow process for these funds to arrive in Kenya; it can take many months, and we intend to have a Holiday Camp ready to go in November. If you are comfortable with a quicker method, checks/cheques can be sent to: Sarnia Guiton, P.O. Box 1866, Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0, Canada, to be deposited in an account set up specifically for the school. If you are Canadian, an e-transfer is simplest, sent to sarnia.guiton@gmail.com.

Please contact me if you have any questions and also if you choose to make a donation you can keep track of it. Many, many thanks to those who can help. The heart-felt gratitude will be beyond expression - although we’ll try...!



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