Exploring the spiritual in music
Interdisciplinary dialogues in music, wellbeing and education

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The 4th Nordoff Robbins Plus Research Conference
The 4th International Spirituality and Music Education (SAME) Conference

Keynote speaker
Dr Sara MacKian
School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
The Open University, UK

This joint conference is a collaboration between Nordoff Robbins and Spirituality and Music Education (SAME).

The Nordoff Robbins Plus research conference series aims to provide forums for multi-disciplinary and cross-institutional thinking. It brings together leading researchers and practitioners in conversations that question assumptions, and explore theories and approaches in and around music therapy.

As an international network of music practitioners, researchers and scholars, SAME has been set up in response to the growing interest in the area of spirituality in music education and related music practices. It seeks to establish a forum within which the interrelationships of music and spirituality can be explored and developed on a practical, theoretical and research level.

Conference venue:
Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Centre
2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ

For information regarding registration and abstract submission guidelines, see:
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Call for papers

Spirituality is a shared area of interest for diverse fields that explore and promote music in human life. These fields include a wide range of disciplines including music therapy, music education, ethnomusicology, music philosophy and theology. The unique sets of theoretical perspectives, practices and methodological approaches embedded within each of these fields bring different contributions to our understanding of the spiritual in music.

In an attempt to cultivate interdisciplinary dialogue, and with an explicit focus on spirituality in music, wellbeing and education, we welcome practitioners, researchers, scholars as well as students to submit proposals for oral presentations, posters, roundtables and workshops.

We are interested in presentations that share practices, question assumptions, explore theories or share research methods and findings regarding spirituality and its place in contemporary music practices. Presentations from different cultural and disciplinary spaces are welcome.

Proposals should include the following information:
Title, Abstract (150-250 words), Keywords (3-10 words), References (max. 3 references), Bionote (max. 50 words per presenter), Email addresses of presenters, Type of presentation (oral presentation, poster, roundtable or workshop)

Proposals should be sent via email to conferences@nordoff-robbins.org.uk
Extended submissions deadline: 28 February 2017

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Registration

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