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Middle Ages

The Play of Daniel – A Medieval Drama

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The *Play of Daniel* is a 12th-century liturgical drama of collective authorship whose manuscript originated at Beauvais Cathedral. It relates how the prophet Daniel deciphered the Writing on the Wall for King Belshazzar, then was miraculously saved from the lions' den. The story was probably sung and acted out by young clerics during the Christmas festivities, when liturgical rigour was relaxed somewhat. This recording transports us back to the origins of music as spectacle: long before the advent of opera, the Church had already grasped the impact of dramatic performance.



Artists

- William Lyons
Conductor
- The Dufay Collective

Composers

- Anonymous

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