



**Deus Ex Musica, USA, and
the Oxford Interfaith Forum, UK
Join in Collaboration to Present
ART in Interfaith Contexts**

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We are excited to announce a new collaboration between [Deus Ex Musica, USA](https://www.deus-ex-musica.com/), and the [Oxford Interfaith Forum, UK](https://www.oxfordinterfaithforum.org/) for spiritual exploration and discovery through music and art.

Deus Ex Musica is an international organization that promotes sacred music as a resource for religious learning, ecumenism, and interfaith dialogue. Through its collaborations with an interfaith collection of contemporary composers, performers, scholars, clergy, and educational institutions, Deus Ex Musica creates events and resources that use sacred music to foster conversations that highlight the aspects of spirituality shared by all religious people: a personal experience of the beauty, power, and mystery of the divine.

As Simone Weil writes, “When we listen to Bach or a Gregorian melody, all the faculties of the soul become still and tense in order to apprehend this thing of perfect beauty – each in its own way – and among them the intelligence. The latter finds nothing in this thing it hears to affirm or to deny, but it feeds upon it. Should not faith be an adherence of this kind? The mysteries of faith are degraded if they are made a subject of affirmation and negation, when in reality they should be a subject of contemplation.”

Dr Delvyn Case, the Founder of Deus Ex Musica, and Professor of Music at historic Wheaton College in Massachusetts, is an American musician, scholar, writer, speaker, and educator whose work explores the use of music as a resource for interfaith dialogue, ecumenism, and spiritual formation. As a composer, his music has been performed by over 80 orchestras across the world as well as by numerous Grammy-winning artists. In 2022 he was named “Distinguished Composer of the Year” by the Music Teachers National Association of the USA.

Deus Ex Musica and the Oxford Interfaith Forum will advance the study of *ART in Interfaith Contexts*. With this unique collaboration, we are offering new venues for fostering dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect among adherents of a variety of faiths. Within the framework of our partnership, we will organise live music events, concerts, discussions, and workshops.

For more details about upcoming events, please, visit our websites:

<https://www.deus-ex-musica.com/>

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