

# A Gallery of Kings

## Uses and Abuses of Power ca. 1300

Commissioned by the Reims Festival for the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Cathedral, The Boston Camerata's *A Gallery of Kings* program, presented by the Boston Early Music Festival, has its U.S. premiere this June.

10 June 2025 | 8pm  
Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory

*For immediate release*

(Boston, MA) – Songs and stories of powerful kings, both good and bad, abound in the Middle Ages. “May he reign forever!” sings the crowd, but the monarch’s power is limited by his fallible judgement, his formidable adversaries, his love of power, and his own, precarious mortality. These ancient songs of kingship and its snares resonate strongly down the centuries into our own, turbulent time.



This program was designed by Anne Azéma to respond to the frieze of kings over the main entrance of the Reims Cathédrale, and honors this year’s Boston Early Music Festival theme of *Power & Love*.

Established in 1981, the Boston Early Music Festival (BEMF) is an international leader in early music. Throughout the years, The Boston Camerata has been presented at BEMF’s biennial festival many

times throughout over the years, most recently in 2019 with *Songs & Mençonges: Medieval Dreams of Prophecy, Love, and Folly*, and in 2011 with *Le Roman de Fauvel*. We have a history of celebrating anniversaries with them, presenting *Carmina Burana: Medieval songs from the Benediktbeuren manuscript (ca. 1230)* as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. And now, we return to the BEMF stage to conclude our [70<sup>th</sup> anniversary season](#).

Tickets start at \$25 and may be purchased [here](#).

## **Performers**

**Anne Azéma**, *Artistic Director, voice, and hurdy-gurdy*

Michael Barrett, Joel Frederiksen, Ryan Lustgarten, and John Taylor Ward, *voices*

with

Shira Kammen, *vielle & harp*

Dan Meyers, *winds*

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