

A CENTURY AGO A SMALL GROUP comprised mostly of singers met in downtown NYC to study a lecture by Rudolf Steiner. Soon they took on the name The St. Mark Group and met regularly in the Carnegie Hall studio of one of the members. The St. Mark Group continues to meet to this day.

At Anthroposophy NYC we are celebrating this history with a day-long symposium on Saturday, March 6, and three evening talks, Tuesday through Thursday, at our home, 138 W. 15th Street in Manhattan. These events flow into one of anthroposophy's most important annual gatherings, the

SteinerBooks Spiritual Research Seminar, held at NYU on Friday evening and Saturday, March 12 & 13.

For more detailed information go to

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and to learn more about the

SteinerBooks Seminar please go to

steinerbooks.org

We hope you can join us!



**A weeklong celebration
March 6-13, 2010:
100 Years of
Anthroposophy in America**

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Centenary Symposium, Saturday, March 6
Evening Lectures, Tues-Wed-Thurs, March 9-11
SteinerBooks Research Seminar, March 12-13

March 6th–11th events take place at Anthroposophy NYC, 138 W. 15th (6–7 Ave).

Pre-register by email to info@asnyc.org. Fees listed below.

Full details on events and presenters at asnyc.org

SYMPOSIUM, Saturday, March 6th: Anthroposophy in New York and America: 100 Years & Onward

Full symposium \$60, branch & NYOC members \$50;
either half, \$30/\$25.

Part 1: 10am–1pm:

MICHAEL GOMES: THE NYC SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE IN 1910

Michael Gomes paints a picture of esoteric New York and America in 1910, when Rudolf Steiner was still general secretary of the Theosophical Society in Germany and head of its Esoteric School, and he offers insights on Steiner's spiritual stature as seen by theosophists like Mabel Collins, author of *Light on the Path*.

Michael Gomes, an expert on H. P. Blavatsky, has edited a number of her writings; his abridgement of *The Secret Doctrine* will be published this year.

RALPH WHITE: EVOLVING CONSCIOUSNESS, THREE DECADES OF EXPLORATION

In the last thirty years a more holistic consciousness and a vast array of ideas and practices have moved towards the mainstream of contemporary life, with the New York Open Center a central participant. Ralph White will reflect on this shift of consciousness and the role of Rudolf Steiner and anthroposophy in it.

New York Open Center co-founder Ralph White lectures frequently on Western spirituality and has organized many international conferences on the Western Esoteric Tradition.

JOAN ALMON: WALDORF EDUCATION, CULTIVATING A CREATIVE CHILDHOOD

Are we educating children for a narrowly constructed life that can be compressed into multiple choice questions, or for the resilience and creative intelligence needed to face complex responsibilities and challenges? For Waldorf education, which supports the individual child's unfolding, the answer is the latter.

Joan Almon, Director of the Alliance for Childhood, an advocacy organization committed to recapturing childhood for all children, taught Waldorf preschool and kindergarten for 18 years and consulted with Waldorf schools around the world.

Part 2: 2pm–5pm:

OLIVIA STOKES DREIER: BEARING WITNESS, DISCOVERING THE UNIVERSAL HUMAN IN THE AFTERMATH OF WAR

Acts of unspeakable violence committed by ordinary people in the last century have also been met with remarkable initiatives toward reconciliation and forgiveness. Bearing witness and entering into authentic dialogue open possibilities for social renewal.

Olivia Stokes Dreier, Associate Director of Karuna Center for Peacebuilding and Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Conflict Transformation Across Cultures at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, has led programs in peacebuilding, inter-communal dialogue, and reconciliation in many countries recovering from mass violence.

WALTER ALEXANDER: KNOWING, EXPERIENCE & CONSCIOUSNESS: BRINGING THE ORPHANS HOME

Developments in quantum physics in the late 1920s proved human awareness' profound impact on the material world. Today, placebo effects in medicine, "Hawthorne effects," and "psychic abilities" still trouble conventional thinking. This talk explores worldviews dissolving the gulf between the material world and our knowing of it and being in it.

Walter Alexander is a medical writer and a contributing editor for *Lilipoh* magazine, and a former public and Waldorf school teacher. He has long been active at Anthroposophy NYC.

JOHN BECK & FULL PANEL: THE PRESENT CRISIS

How can we gain an adequate picture of the new century's economic, cultural, and political challenges? A short sketch of a "big picture" informed by Rudolf Steiner's insights leads into a panel discussion with the presenters and audience.

Former head of WNYC, John Beck worked in technology on Wall Street for 15 years, managed the NY Open Center at the time of 9/11, and is editor for the US Anthroposophical Society.

Tuesday, March 9, 7pm: American Anthroposophy's Alternative Promethean Path

Non-members: \$20/\$15 age 65+/full-time students/
active Waldorf teachers; members \$15/\$10

KEVIN DANN

From Wallace Wattles' 1910 *The Science of Getting Rich* to Rhonda Byrne's *The Secret*, Americans have sought material prosperity by training the will. Anthroposophists have advanced alternative paths of the will as shown by the deeds of pioneer eurythmists, biodynamic gardeners, communitarian philosophers and educators.

Kevin Dann, PhD has taught American and world history at the University of Vermont, Rutgers, and SUNY. His books include *Across the Great Border Fault: The Naturalist Myth in America* and *Bright Colors Falsely Seen: Synaesthesia and the Search for Transcendental Knowledge*.

Wednesday, March 10, 7pm: Anthroposophy & the Anthroposophical Society: Building a Temple on the Earth

Free evening, donations welcome.

ALBERT SPEKMAN & JOYCE MONGES

Through content offered by anthroposophy, a spiritual temple is being fashioned on the earth. Prior to the Anthroposophical Society in America, the St. Mark Group prepared a vehicle for this work here in New York. Even before that, according to Rudolf Steiner, preparation took place on earth and in the spiritual world.

Long-time anthroposophists and members of the St. Mark Group, Albert Spekman leads the group and served several years on the council of Anthroposophy NYC, and Joyce Monges is a long-time member of the Anthroposophical Society.

Thursday, March 11, 7pm: Anthroposophy & America: 1910, 2010, Future Prospects

Non-members: \$20/\$15 age 65+/full-time students/
active Waldorf teachers; members \$15/\$10

ROBERT MCDERMOTT

This talk will focus on the first quarter of the 20th century: on pragmatism as the characteristic American way of thinking, as well as major events in the anthroposophical movement. The second part will discuss the current spiritual state of anthroposophy in America and prospects for the future with respect to religion and spirituality, individuality and the universal human, and the Earth.

Robert McDermott is president emeritus and professor of philosophy and religion at the California Institute of Integral Studies. He has written extensively on Indian and western philosophy and religion. He served as president of the New York Center for Anthroposophy in the 1980s.

SteinerBooks Spiritual Research Seminar: Rudolf Steiner's Fifth Gospel and the Inner Meaning of the Christian Mystery

Friday, March 12, 7pm; Saturday, March 13, 9am–5pm,
Kimmel Center, NYU, 60 Washington Square South.

Details and registration: see SteinerBooks.org or
call Marsha Post at 413-528-8233 ext 203.