



Medical Section Summer School

in collaboration with Emerson College

15 – 22 August 2026

This Summer School is an initiative of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum with the aim of renewing the practical, social, and esoteric co-working in our professional and representational work. We are exploring what it means to renew the mysteries in relationship with Raphael, the being that takes an interest in communities working therapeutically.

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In September 1924, this renewal of the mysteries in relation to Raphael, was given a certain form by Rudolf Steiner and Ita Wegman. A practical-esoteric circle for doctors willing to take responsibility was inaugurated for the development of the Medical Section, out of a deeper understanding of the task of the doctor for humanity. Our aspiration is that this can be strengthened and allowed to inform the co-working of other professional-esoteric groups working within anthroposophic medicine and therapy. We especially invite those who have both practical and an esoteric commitment to our work and wish to co-carry responsibility for the various anthroposophic healing professions.

In previous years, we have deepened various themes in this direction. We began with visits to the sites in Britain that Rudolf Steiner visited 100 years ago, where important impulses were born in conversation with Ita Wegman. Indeed, the human relationship between Steiner and Wegman carries a core karmic and esoteric signature for our movement. To deepen our sense of their cooperative working we hope to explore their earlier incarnations with short presentations each morning, and explore these further through speech and drama work in the afternoon. We will start each day with eurythmy that will also echo our themes.

Last year, in order to strengthen multi-professional awareness as well as allow the various therapeutic approaches to deepen their own sense of identity, we looked at the history and essential gestures behind the various therapeutic directions, focussing on Eurythmy Therapy, Anthroposophic Nursing, Anthroposophic Arts Therapies, and Anthroposophic Psychotherapy.



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This year, we will develop this work further and hear from other modalities for the first time. This will be supported by specialist working groups each afternoon where the different fields of work and their relationships can be explored. For example, Arts Therapists (a group that includes quite diverse artistic therapies) will meet together to deepen their understanding of their different identities, Psychotherapists will explore their interface with the work of priests and doctors, and Nurses will meet with Doctors to explore the relationship of their two professions.

An essential question in all of this is the nature of esoteric community work, and what it means to make a commitment to such work. What might it mean to renew the ancient mystery wisdom in a modern practical and esoteric community of therapeutic professionals? We will have presentations and conversations in order to develop this theme.

A visit to the Wellsbourne Community Project in Brighton is planned alongside a visit to Saltdean Beach to experience a local clinical project as well as some of the natural environment.

If you feel you are active in carrying anthroposophical medical and therapeutic work and feel drawn to be involved in this impulse to strengthen our practical and esoteric co-working, please feel warmly invited.

Medical Section Summer School Saturday 15 – Saturday 22 August 2026

	Saturday 15	Sunday 16	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
8.30 – 9.10am		Eurythmy			9am Leave for Brighton	Eurythmy		
9.15am		Gilgamesh <i>Matthew Mirkin</i>	Ephesus <i>Broder von Laue</i>	Aristotle and Alexander <i>Wilburg Keller Roth</i>	10.30am Brighton Visit Wellbourne Community Therapy Project	Grail, Parsifal, Sigune and Schionatulander <i>James Dyson & Michael Evans</i>	Review of Fire in the Temple	Final Review Future Wishes
10.15am		COFFEE BREAK				COFFEE BREAK		
10.45 – 11.45am		Massage <i>Adrian Large & Colleagues</i>	Eurythmy Therapy	Nurses and Doctors		Pastoral Medicine/ Psychotherapists	Arts Therapists	11:15am END AND LEAVE
11.45am		Small group work						
12.45pm		LUNCH			PICNIC	LUNCH		
2.15 pm		Welcome and introductions	Professional Groups Psychotherapists and Pastoral Medicine Nurses and Doctors Eurythmy Therapists Arts Therapists Massage Therapists			Saltdean Beach near Brighton 3.15pm Leave for Emerson	Professional Groups Psychotherapists and Pastoral Medicine Nurses and Doctors Eurythmy Therapists Arts Therapists Massage Therapists	
3.30pm	TEA BREAK							
4pm	Michael and Raphael <i>Marion Debus & Iramaia Chaduri</i>	New Esoteric Community Building <i>James Dyson & Matthew Mirkin</i> Conversation		Community Building New Leading Principles <i>Michael Evans & Martin Gunther</i> Steiner Conversation	REST AND RECOVERY	Thomas Aquinus and Reginald <i>Marieke Krans</i>	Review of the Summer School	
5.15 – 6.10pm	Speech/Drama Workshop <i>Sibylle Eichstaedt & Laurie Portocarrero</i>			Speech/Drama Workshop <i>Sibylle Eichstaedt & Laurie Portocarrero</i>		Future Wishes		
6.15pm	SUPPER							
7.15 – 8.30pm	Biography of Zeylmans <i>Els van Beek</i>	Small Groups Three Karmic Streams			Fire in the Temple Play Reading <i>Glen Williamson & Laurie Portocarrero</i>	Small Groups Three Karmic Streams		
8.30pm	MUSICAL CLOSURE			MUSICAL CLOSURE				

(programme may be subject to change)

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Booking

The cost of the week-long programme starts at £375 (seminar only)
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Start and finish times

We start with welcome at 2.15pm on Saturday 15 August and end mid-morning on Saturday 22 August.



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A limited number of concessionary rate places are available for those for whom the fee is prohibitive. Please write to the registrar, Chiara Carones, at registrar@emerson.org.uk

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