

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

Eleanor Lane Endowment

**Award Date:** Fall 2022

**Proposal Title:** Beowulf: Music and the Medieval

**Principal Investigator:** Lucy Barnhouse

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### **ABSTRACT**

Beowulf is an epic poem of the early Middle Ages, a compelling and complicated narrative about heroism and community. As a medievalist, Barnhouse was invited to contribute to conversations about how the text could be effectively set in a work for orchestra, chorus, and soloist. She has been involved in selecting a translation, adapting the text, and consulting with the composer in the early stages of the work that is now being premiered by the BBC Symphony Orchestra.