Hymns from Aleppo’s Armenian Church of Forty Martyrs: A Discussion of Endangered Sound
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The Lost Origin Sound Series was created by Jason Hamacher to introduce his archive of sacred music recordings. In 2005, the Syrian Orthodox Church, one of the earliest Christian communities, granted him permission to record their oldest chant traditions. Sacred Voices of Syria showcases the beauty of Syria’s endangered Armenian, Syriac, and Chaldean hymns as well as ancient Sufi shants.

Jason Hamacher has traveled across the globe, exploring music and the aesthetics of culture. He’s partnered on projects with Smithsonian Folkways, Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Sephardic Heritage Museum. Hamacher’s works have appeared broadly in national and international media publications including NPR’s Fresh Air with Terry Gross, Al Jazeera America, and The Washington Post.

Prof. Jonathan Shannon (Anthropology, Hunter and the Graduate Center, GC) will moderate and offer comments.