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Summary: De Rachewiltz will discuss German lyrical poet Oswald von Wolkenstein (c.1377-1445), known as the “one-eyed poet” and the “last of the German troubadours.”

(March 29, 2010)-Siegfried W. de Rachewiltz, professor at Innsbruck University, Innsbruck, Austria, and director of the Schloß Tirol museum, will deliver the 2009–10 Barber Lecture, “Oswald von Wolkenstein, the last of the German Minnesänger,” at 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2010, in Recital Hall, Humanities Fine Arts, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception follows.

Honored for his scholarly and artistic accomplishments in promoting the culture of the South Tyrol region of Italy, de Rachewiltz is the author of numerous publications and articles on a wide range of topics, from folklore and regional heroes to war narratives and agricultural traditions. As Barber Lecturer, he will discuss German lyrical poet Oswald von Wolkenstein (c.1377-1445), known as the “one-eyed poet” and the “last of the German troubadours.”

De Rachewiltz received a doctorate from Harvard University in comparative literature with an emphasis on folklore and mythology and a doctorate from Leopold Fanzens University in Innsbruck in European ethnology and folklore. In addition to his teaching position at Innsbruck University, he serves as museum director at Schloß Tirol, where he organizes conferences, colloquia, and symposia. He and wife Brigitte have hosted many Morris study abroad groups at Brunnenburg Castle over the last decade.

The Barber Lecture Series is made possible by a gift to the University of Minnesota, Morris from Laird Barber, professor emeritus of English, and the late Dorothy Barber.

Free and convenient parking is available in the North Lot. For more information, contact the [Division of the Humanities](#) at 320-589-6250.

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