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## **NORDIC MUSEUM ANNOUNCES SPRING CONCERT LINEUP**

### **Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series to feature classical music from five Nordic countries, plus Nordic neighbor Latvia**

*December 20, 2018 / Seattle, WA* – Nordic Museum presents the 24<sup>th</sup> season of its Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series, presenting the musical work of classic and contemporary Nordic composers. The first concert of the series will be held Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and features the trio Soittorasia performing music from Finland.

“Not only will we enjoy music from each of the five Nordic countries, but starting this season we will present a sixth concert dedicated to our Nordic neighbors,” said Laura Loge, Artistic Director for Mostly Nordic. “Our ancestors as well as our contemporaries have always been more nomadic than rooted, and we will find our mutual historical and modern experiences shared and communicated through the universal language of music, keeping us connected despite arbitrary borders.” This concert will highlight the country of Latvia, with performances by contemporary Latvian composer Pēteris Vasks. Vasks will attend the concert.

This season, all concerts will be performed in the Nordic Museum’s newly built and acoustically designed Osberg Great Hall. “Over the past six months, both musicians and audiences have raved about the sound quality in the auditorium,” said Nordic Museum CEO and Executive Director Eric Nelson. In addition to musical performances, attendees will have the opportunity to dine in the museum’s new café, Freya, which serves Nordic-inspired food and drink.

Performances are monthly, January through June. Tickets may be purchased for individual concerts or as a season pass through the museum’s website, [www.nordicmuseum.org/mostlynordic](http://www.nordicmuseum.org/mostlynordic).

### **Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series**

WHERE: Nordic Museum  
2655 NW Market Street  
Seattle, WA 98107

- WHEN:** Winter and spring, 2019  
January 6, 4pm: “Finnish Crossroads” (Finland)  
February 10, 2pm: “Pēteris Vasks” (Latvia)  
March 17, 4pm: “Afterquake” (Iceland)  
April 14, 5pm: “Ancient Melodies, Modern Harmonies” (Norway)  
May 5, 4pm: “Romantic Muse and Northern Spirit” (Denmark)  
June 9, 4pm: “Songs of the Heart” (Sweden)
- WHO:** Nordic Museum, with artistic director Laura Loge  
January – Soittorasía: Valerie Klemetti Blessley, Jennifer Pratt-Walter, Elisa Määttänen-Boynon  
February – Pēteris Vasks, Paul Taub, Travis Gore, Skyros Quartet, Mägi Ensemble  
March – Sæunn Thorsteinsdóttir, Angelo Rondello  
April – Laura Loge, Knut Erik Jensen, Seattle Philharmonic Strings, Adam Stern  
May – Danish Clarinet Trio and Ensemble MidtVest: Tommaso Lonuich, Karolina Weltrowska, Jonathan Siaatto, Niel Page, Martin Qvist Hansen  
June – Anna Hersey, DavidMcDade
- WHAT:** Classical and contemporary Nordic chamber music performances
- PARKING:** On-site pay parking lot behind the museum (enter via 28th Avenue NW); free on-street parking

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### **About the Nordic Museum**

Recently relocated to a stunning new facility in the heart of Seattle’s Ballard neighborhood, the Nordic Museum is the only museum in the United States that showcases the impact and influence of Nordic values and innovation in contemporary society and tells the story of 12,000 years of Nordic history and culture, across all five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The Museum’s mission is to share Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections, providing educational and cultural experiences, and serving as a community gathering place. The Nordic Museum presents a wide range of vibrant programs including contemporary art exhibitions, outstanding concerts, lectures, and films, and a variety of special events throughout the year.

The Nordic Museum is located at 2655 NW Market Street, Seattle, WA 98107. The Museum is open from 10am-5pm Tuesday-Sunday, with extended hours 10am-8pm on Thursdays. The Museum is closed on Mondays. For more information, <http://nordicmuseum.org>

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