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Special Invitation

February 23, 2010

**Meet the Composer
Nico Muhly
"The Planet's Hottest Composer"**



The Hermitage Artist Retreat, in partnership with the Historic Asolo Theater and the Sarasota Orchestra are bringing you the chance to meet the Composer. Nico Muhly will perform at the Historic Asolo Theater on **Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 pm.**

The London Telegraph recently said Nico Muhly may be the planet's hottest composer. Muhly's works have been performed by the American Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, New York Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony. His work has been commissioned by Carnegie Hall, the English National Opera, Metropolitan Opera, Paris Opera and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. He also wrote the music for the recent award-winning film "The Reader," all before age 29.

Sarasota Orchestra conductor Leif Bjaland will introduce Muhly and lead a Q and A discussion about his music. Nico Muhly will also perform selected pieces on the piano and talk about his music.

Says Bjaland, "I love the eclectic influences in Nico Muhly's music and the seamless way he blends Renaissance madrigals, heroic orchestral music and even gangsta into such a vibrant and cohesive style --he is truly a sonic fusion chef!"

The Hermitage "Meet the Composer Series" is sponsored by Ina Schnell, a longtime patron of contemporary art and music in Sarasota.

**To place your reservation for Meet the Composer,
call the Historic Asolo Theater at 941.360.7399.**

About the Meet the Composer Series and The Hermitage

This season's Meet The Composer Series is presented by the Hermitage and the Historic Asolo Theater at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, in partnership with New College of Florida, the Sarasota Orchestra, and La Musica Chamber Music Festival.

Members always receive free museum admission - [Become a member online - more details here](#)

General Information: 941.359.5700 | Membership 941.360.7330 | Historic Asolo Theater Box Office: 941.360.7399

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