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Debut Concert For Nordic Chamber Ensemble

New York, NY – Skogensemble, an international group of 17 classically trained musicians, will give its inaugural performance on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Tenri Cultural Institute. The concert will be comprised of North American premieres of works by Danish, Finnish, Swedish and US composers, including excerpts from a collaborative new music-theatre piece entitled *dream seminar/drömseminarium*.

Skogensemble is dedicated to contemporary classical music from Nordic peoples and cultures. It performs pieces from Scandinavia, Canada, Northern Europe and of composers whose heritage is bound to the North. The group's strives to showcase new compositions that might otherwise not receive the international recognition they deserve.

Skogensemble was forged from its members' work on *dream seminar/drömseminarium*, a bilingual piece based on the texts of Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer, with the music of composer Ellen Lindquist. *dream seminar* was commissioned in 2006 by the NY-based performing arts organization Companion Star, which gathered together 2 vocalists, 13 instrumentalists, designers, a choreographer, stage director, music director and ceramics artist to create a dramatic, fully staged piece using the organization's groundbreaking collaborative method.

SKOGENSEMBLE

Saturday, January 16, 8:00 PM

**Tenri Cultural Institute of
New York**

43A West 13th Street

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Skogensemble derives its name from *Skogen* or *skoven*, which is Swedish, Norwegian and Danish word for "the forest". This "forest ensemble" is so named because it is a natural outgrowth of Companion Star's organic, generative development process and mission to present world music through group collaboration.

This January 16 concert affords the American public a unique opportunity to hear new works by eight highly regarded Scandinavian composers in addition to large segments of *dream seminar/drömseminarium*.