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***** MEDIA ALERT *****

Cabrillo College Welcomes World-Renowned Composer Ēriks Ešenvalds

"A Conversation With Ēriks Ešenvalds" at the Samper Recital Hall, Wednesday October 26, 7:30 PM

APTOS, CA – To celebrate Cabrillo Choruses Director Cheryl Anderson's 25th Anniversary at Cabrillo College, the Cabrillo Choruses are commissioning a master work from world-renowned composer Ēriks Ešenvalds that they will perform in a concert at New York's Carnegie Hall on June 26, 2017.

In preparation for that work, composer Ešenvalds is visiting and touring Santa Cruz County this week. His visit culminates with a conversation with the composer at Cabrillo's Samper Recital Hall Wednesday, October 26th at 7:30 p.m.

One of the most sought-after choral composers working today, Ešenvalds' music has been performed on every continent. Born in Priekule, Latvia in 1977, he has won multiple awards for his work and his compositions have been premiered by a long list of ensembles, including the Boston Symphony, the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, the State Choir of Latvia and many others.

Ēriks Ešenvalds's compositions appear on many recordings released by labels such as Hyperion, Decca Classics, Deutsche Grammophon, Delphian Records, Pentatone and Ondine. Current commission projects include writing for the Yale Glee Club, Harvard University, International Federation of Choral Music, Interkultur, Shenzhen Lily Choir, China, and Cabrillo College. For his complete biography, visit www.eriksesenvalds.com.

WHAT: Cabrillo College presents *"A Conversation with Ēriks Ešenvalds"*
WHEN: Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Cabrillo College Samper Music Recital Hall, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
TICKETS: \$10 in advance or at the door
INFO: www.cabrillovapa.com

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

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