People of the North: Creating the Nordic Light Symphony brings Latvian composer to UW

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Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds told the story of his journey to the north, and the people of Norway, Finland, Sápmi, Iceland, Latvia, Estonia, Greenland, and Alaska whose songs and stories are woven into the symphony.

Conductor Richard Nance traced the symphony's path to its North American premiere at Pacific Lutheran University in March 2017.

(Photo from left to right: Baltic Studies Professor Guntis Smidchens, Adjunct Assistant Professor Heather MacLaughlin Garbes, Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds, Professor Richard Nance)