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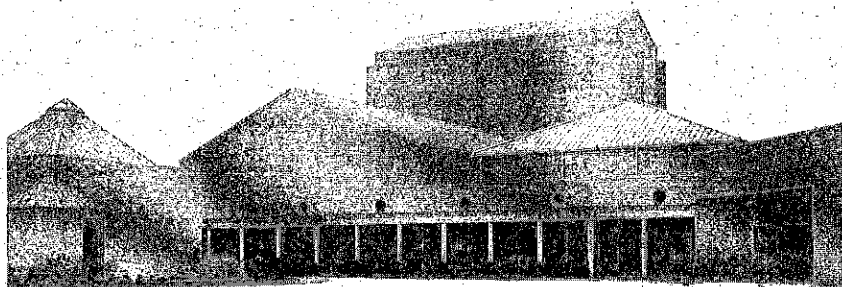
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Department of Music

presents

**Eric Whitacre**

April 20, 2016  
Music Hall  
1:00 p.m.



## Program

Animal Crackers, Vol. I

- i. The Panther
- ii. The Cow
- iii. The Firefly

Eric Whitacre  
text by Ogden Nash

UWF Singers  
Bolton Ellenberg, piano

This Marriage

Eric Whitacre  
text by Rumi

UWF Chamber Choir

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre  
text by Edward Esch  
translation by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Niceville High School Opus One – Michael Dye, Director  
Northwest Florida State College Madrigal Singers – Allison Everitt, Director  
UWF Singers – Dr. Peter Steenblik, Director

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### Eric Whitacre

Grammy-winning composer and conductor Eric Whitacre is one of the most popular musicians of his generation. His concert music has been performed throughout the world by millions of amateur and professional musicians alike, while his ground-breaking Virtual Choirs have united singers from over 110 different countries.

As conductor of the Eric Whitacre Singers he has released several chart-topping albums including 2011's bestselling *Light and Gold*. A sought after guest conductor, Eric has conducted choral and instrumental concerts around the globe, including sold-out concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra. In addition to several collaborations with legendary Hollywood composer Hans Zimmer, he has worked with British pop icons Laura Mvula, Imogen Heap and Annie Lennox.

A charismatic speaker, Eric has given keynote addresses for many Fortune 500 companies and global institutions including Apple, Google, the World Economic Forum in Davos, the United Nations Speaker's Programme and two main stage TED talks. A graduate of the prestigious Juilliard School of Music, this year Eric completed a five year term as Visiting Fellow and Composer in Residence at Cambridge University, UK.