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HPO Showcases Principal Flutist in Masterworks Finale

Hamilton, Ontario – The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** presents its Masterworks series finale, **The Brilliant North**, on Saturday, May 1st at Hamilton Place. Conducted by Music Director **James Sommerville**, The Brilliant North showcases the HPO's own Principal Flutist **Leslie Newman** performing Nielsen's *Flute Concerto*.

The HPO is proud to feature the talents of its Principal Flutist, Leslie Newman. A musician with the HPO since 2008, Ms. Newman made her professional debut at age 18 with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. A graduate of Yale University and the Juilliard School, Ms. Newman is a critically acclaimed performer and recording artist who has toured throughout Canada, the US and the United Kingdom. Also a teacher, she is on the flute faculty at the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory of Music's Glenn Gould School.

The Brilliant North features some of the most famous works by composers from northern countries. The program includes Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*, Finnish composer Jean Sibelius' *Symphony No. 2*, and the Canadian premiere of Montreal-born composer Samy Moussa's *Étude No. 1 for Orchestra*.

The pre-concert chat, hosted by **Dr. Christian Teeuwesen**, Associate Professor of Music at Redeemer University College, begins at 6:30pm.

Performance Information for **The Brilliant North**:

Date + Time: Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 7:30pm
Pre-concert chat at 6:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57
14-30? Join the hpo go program for \$10 tickets

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East

Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

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