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Please join us for a piano performance in the galleries by

Nikolaj Hess

Music inspired by *Beyond the Light: Identity and Place in Nineteenth-Century Danish Art*. In collaboration with American Friends of SMK, The National Gallery of Denmark

Nikolaj Hess is well-established as a highly esteemed, critically acclaimed international jazz pianist and composer. His piano playing is characterized by a personal, delicate, golden touch and mix of superb sense of groove, melodic, and creative imagination. His inspirations include a deep insight into the American and Nordic jazz tradition, but also reflect his musical open-mindedness where his influences span from electronica and krautrock, over classical and folk, to world music and roots.

Hess will present a series of music and a new composed work, based on his ongoing artistic research project under the Danish Cultural Ministry and RMC *Transformative Reflections*, which explores translation and drawing inspiration from modern painting to jazz music. The music interprets and plays with the elements in the paintings and underlying currents, methods, and ideas, and at the same time seeks to interact with timeless works in a current context.

For this exclusive event, Nikolaj Hess will play a solo piano concert in the exhibition gallery for *Beyond the Light*. The visual inspiration for the compositions will be after a series of historic Danish painters: Hammershøi, LA Ring, Købke and Eckersberg.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:00 pm

Followed by a reception in the Balcony Lounge

Galleries 691–93, The Charles Z. Offin
Gallery, Karen B. Cohen Gallery, and
Harriette and Noel Levine Gallery
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
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