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Malena Mörling, Swedish-American poet and translator, was received with open arms at Rollins College on Wednesday night, February 18th, for a reception at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum.

Author of *Ocean Avenue* and *Astoria*, Mörling attended a book signing at the Writer's Block Bookstore on Melbourne Ave in Winter Park, the morning of February 19th. Mörling was accompanied by festival director Carol Frost, and fellow visiting writer Katie Farris. Later in the day, Mörling conducted a master class on translation at the SunTrust Auditorium at 2 pm. After posing questions and reading quotes from Tomas Tranströmer, Octavio Paz, and Jorge Luis Borges, Mörling critiqued the student interns' translations of the Swedish poem SKOGSPARTI by Tomas Tranströmer. The interns had prepared their poems by using the literal translation and three other translations to form their own version for the class.

Later in the evening, Mörling read her original poems, and she also read from a book of Swedish poems of poems that she translated titled *THE STAR BY MY HEAD*. Many of the themes of these works dealt with the idea of transitions and one's thoughts in daily life. The reading in the Bush Auditorium was followed by a reading by fellow writer, Katie Farris. The two writers then answered questions from the audience. Mörling's questions revolved around craft and how she views the process of writing her poems. She ended the night with a book signing.

Next week, Amy Bloom will be the final guest of Winter with the Writers.