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### **Press Release**

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### **APRIL IS A CLASSIC MONTH FOR MUSIC, FILM LOVERS AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, PURCHASE COLLEGE**

**PURCHASE** — Classical music from a world-class solo artist, chamber ensemble and grand orchestra is the featured offering during April at **The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College.**

Also on the roster is one of this year's most notable films from the world's top film festivals.

The events get underway on Sunday, Apr. 5 when cello virtuoso **Lynn Harrell** takes center stage at a 3 p.m. performance in The Concert Hall. The New York native made his performing debut in a 1961 New York Philharmonic Young People's Concert, becoming a member of the Cleveland Orchestra at the age of 18 (later attaining the position of principal cellist). In 1975, he and pianist Murray Perahia were joint recipients of the first Avery Fisher Prize. Harrell

became known to millions of people worldwide when he performed on the 1994 Grammy® Awards Show with Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman. Tickets to his concert at The Center are \$67.50, \$57.50, \$47.50 and \$37.50.

The **National Philharmonic of Russia**, a musical symbol of “the new Russia,” tunes up in The Concert Hall on Friday, Apr. 17 at 8 p.m. Founded in 2003 at the initiative of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Ministry of Culture, the orchestra is comprised of some of Russia's instrumental elite. The program, featuring Principal Conductor **Vladimir Spivakov** and guest violinist **Mikhail Simonyan**, includes Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite*; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto; Liadov's *The Enchanted Lake*; and Scriabin's *The Poem of Ecstasy*. Tickets are \$72.50, \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50.

The always popular **Harlan Jacobson's Talk Cinema Series** returns Tuesday, Apr. 28 at 7 p.m. Talk Cinema features the best of the latest independent and foreign films from the world's major film festivals, followed by discussion by critics, scholars and filmmakers. The audience sees the film as the critics do — without knowing in advance what film will be showing and without any preconceived notions. Tickets to the screenings, in the PepsiCo Theatre, are \$22.50.

Wrapping up the month's offerings — on Wednesday, Apr. 29 at 7 p.m. — is the **Harlem String Quartet**, an innovative ensemble with a mission to advance diversity in classical music. The program includes *Take the A Train* (Strayhorn), String Quartet in F Major (Ravel) and String Quintet in C Major, D. 956 (Schubert). **Carter Brey**, principal cellist of The New York Philharmonic, will

accompany the ensemble for Schubert's composition. The quartet is comprised of First Place Laureates of the Sphinx Competition, an annual event in Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI that encourages, develops and recognizes classical music talent in the Black and Latino communities. Tickets to the concert, in The Recital Hall, are \$42.50 and \$32.50.

For more information about all events and to buy tickets, contact **The Performing Arts Center** ticket office (914-251-6200) or log onto The Center's website at <http://www.artscenter.org>.

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Purchase College is located in Westchester County, minutes from the Connecticut border. The college, part of the State University of New York system, is a major institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, and continuing education. The college campus is home to The Performing Arts Center and The Neuberger Museum of Art, which strive to present models of excellence for both the college and its surrounding community.

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