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JAZZ AND CLASSICAL MUSIC, DANCE

FEATURED AMONG MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

PURCHASE — The sounds of music and the footsteps of dance reverberate throughout the multi-theatre complex at **The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College** during March.

Russia's renowned **Male Choir of St. Petersburg** – an *a cappella* choir of 25 singers – brings a powerful resonance and soulful lyricism to The Center's Recital Hall on Sunday, Mar. 8 at 3 p.m. Their concerts have been called “a true exploration of the soul of Russian music,” featuring both sacred and secular music, with everything from 19th-century liturgical works to Russian folk songs. Tickets are \$52.50 and \$42.50.

Another installment of **Harlan Jacobson's Talk Cinema** is set for Tuesday, Mar. 10 at 7 p.m. Audiences see the best of foreign and independent

cinema from the world's film festivals, followed by discussions with critics and filmmakers. Tickets to the screening, in the PepsiCo Theatre, are \$22.50.

The renowned **Estonian National Symphony Orchestra**, featuring conductor **Eri Klas** and pianist **Joyce Yang**, fills The Concert Hall stage on Sunday, Mar. 15 at 5 p.m. The program includes *Summa* (Pärt); Piano Concerto no. 3 in C Major, op. 26 (Prokofiev); and Symphony no. 2 in D Major, op. 43 (Sibelius). Tickets are \$72.50, \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50.

Dance is the topic of the “Conversations on Creativity, Craft and Career” series event on Monday, Mar. 23 when ballet dancer/choreographer **Jacques d’Amboise** talks about his life with host **Isaiah Sheffer**. One of the finest ballet dancers of the 20th century, d’Amboise inspired geniuses like George Balanchine and Frederick Ashton to create some of their best works for him. For his extraordinary contributions to the dance world and to arts education, d’Amboise was a 1995 Kennedy Center Honoree and the recipient of a 1990 MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship. Tickets to the discussion, in The Recital Hall, are \$42.50 and \$32.50.

Jazz is the genre on Friday, Mar. 27, when the **Maria Schneider Orchestra** plays in The PepsiCo Theatre at 8 p.m. A Grammy[®] Award winner, Schneider is a leader in the rarified world of women in jazz who front their own ensemble. Schneider’s music has been described as evocative, majestic, magical, heart-stoppingly gorgeous and beyond categorization. *The Christian Science Monitor* called her “the most significant big-band jazz composer of our time.” Tickets to the concert are \$52.50 and \$42.50.

Stepping up to wrap up the month, on Saturday, Mar. 28, is **Shen Wei Dance Arts**, returning to The Center by popular demand. The company is dance, theatre, Chinese opera, painting, sculpture and a hybrid of Western and Eastern cultures combined to create a singular breathtaking performance. Artistic Director/Choreographer Shen Wei is widely recognized for his defining vision of an intercultural, interdisciplinary, utterly original mode of movement-based performance. Tickets are \$52.50, \$42.50 and \$32.50.

For more information about all season 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.