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### **Press Release**

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### **DECEMBER EVENTS ARE WRAPPED WITH HOLIDAY CHEER**

**PURCHASE** — December is a festive month at **The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College**, highlighted with joyous music befitting the spirit of the holiday season.

The **Claremont Trio** celebrates its tenth anniversary season with a return concert at The Recital Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The young ensemble is acclaimed for their soulful insight into the classics as well as an enthusiasm for expanding the piano trio repertoire. Their program includes *String Band* (Mason Bates), *Trio in A Minor* (Ravel) and *Trio. No. 2 in E Minor, op. 67* (Shostakovich). Tickets are \$42.50.

**Harlan Jacobson's Talk Cinema** is a double-header in December — with screenings at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 16. The always popular Talk Cinema Series features sneak previews of the latest notable

independent and foreign films followed by discussions (often with guest artists involved in the film). Tickets to the screenings, in The PepsiCo Theatre, are \$22.50.

Holiday celebrations abound at The Center on Saturday, Dec. 13, when two musical extravaganzas get underway at 8 p.m.: The **Brandenburg All-Stars** in The Recital Hall and **Irvin Mayfield & The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra** in The Concert Hall. Taking a break from their appearances at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New York Philharmonic and other leading ensembles, some of New York's leading musicians come together to perform the exquisite music of the Brandenburg Concerti of J.S. Bach. The **Brandenburg All-Stars**, under the artistic direction of renowned flutist **Tara Helen O'Connor** and harpsichordist **Bradley Brookshire** (both Purchase College faculty members), deliver an uplifting and magisterial concert for the entire family. Tickets are \$52.50 and \$42.50.

**Irvin Mayfield & The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra** takes an exhilarating journey through New Orleans' legacy of jazz, blues, swing and spirituals. Trumpeter Irvin Mayfield's dynamic, swinging, 16-piece big band is the only major performing jazz ensemble based in post-Katrina New Orleans. *Home for the Holidays* features selections from celebrated music such as Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite*, Louis Armstrong's version of *O Christmas Tree*, the Charlie Brown classic *Christmas Time is Here* and modern versions of standards including *Little Drummer Boy* done the New Orleans way. Tickets are \$52.50, \$42.50 and \$32.50.

The celebration continues on Sunday, Dec. 14 with the sensational multi-award-winning **Soweto Gospel Choir**. The most successful vocal group to emerge from South Africa since Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the 25-member vocal ensemble returns to The Concert Hall with a universally appealing, inspirational program of tribal, traditional and popular African and Western gospel. Tickets to the 3 p.m. concert are \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50.

For more information, 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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