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ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

PERFORMS SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT NOV. 2

PURCHASE — The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, whose performances have been called “nothing short of stunning” (*Gramophone*) and “just about beyond criticism” (*The Times* of London) kicks off the month of November at **The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College** with a concert in The Recital Hall on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$52.50 and \$42.50.

Created in 1967 from The Academy of St. Martins in the Field orchestra led by Sir Neville Marriner, the ensemble performs larger chamber works — from quintets to octets. The Chamber Ensemble is led by violinist Kenneth Sillito, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music.

The concert program includes Sextet in B-flat Major, op. 18 (Brahms); Prelude and Scherzo for String Octet, op. 11 (Shostakovich); and Octet for Strings in E-flat Major, op. 20 (Mendelssohn).

The performance, first of the new Exquisite Encounters Series this season, continues with **Interpreti Veneziani** (Jan. 31) and **The Male Choir of St. Petersburg** (Mar. 8).

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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