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### **Press Release**

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### **KIDS TIME CONCERT STARS TOM CHAPIN & FRIENDS**

**PURCHASE – Tom Chapin** — “the best family artist around” (*Billboard*)  
— brings his family-friendly **Tom Chapin & Friends** show to **The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College**, on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Noon and 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$24.50 and \$17.50 (includes parking).

Known for his intricate, melodic guitar work and original songs that stress family, friendship and positive self-image, the Grammy<sup>®</sup> nominated musician and storyteller appeals to audiences of all ages – but he has special wit and wisdom to share with the post-toddler, pre-teen set.

*Parents* magazine says, “Nobody today is writing and performing better kids’ songs than Tom Chapin . . . the Pied Piper of children’s music.” Elementary school teachers across North America have incorporated Chapin’s songs into

their curriculum, finding them accessible and adaptable to classroom study and interaction.

Chapin's family albums, with collaborators John Forster, Michael Mark and Jon Cobert, have been recognized with awards from the American Library Association, Parents' Choice, the New York Music Awards, the National Association of Parenting Publications and *Parents Magazine*. Five of his family recordings have received Grammy nominations for Best Musical Album for Children.

Chapin's varied career has taken him to Broadway as lead in the musical *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, off-Broadway as musical director of both *Cotton Patch Gospel* and *Harry Chapin: Lies & Legends* and on television as host of *Make A Wish* on ABC, and as host of the documentary series *National Geographic Explorer*. He also has a cameo role in Jonathan Demme's 2004 remake of *The Manchurian Candidate*.

The 2008-09 Kids Time series at The Performing Arts Center continues with ***The Phantom Tollbooth*** (Nov. 16) and **Michael Cooper** in ***Masked Marvels & Wondertales*** (Jan. 25).

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

The Center's 31st season is made possible, in part, by the Basic Program Support Grant of the Westchester Arts Council with funds from Westchester County Government.

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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