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MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP PERFORMS MARCH 19

PURCHASE — The Concert Hall of The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College will be the backdrop for the kinetic, contemporary moves of the Mark Morris Dance Group – which is marking the 30th anniversary of its founding this year.

The New York–based troupe will perform a program of mixed repertory to live music at 8 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2010 in The Concert Hall.

Tickets are \$42.50 to \$72.50.

Mr. Morris founded the group in 1980 and has since created more than 120 works for the company. From 1988 to 1991, he was Director of Dance at the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels, the national opera house of Belgium. Among the works created during his tenure were three evening-length dances: *The Hard Nut*, *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*; and *Dido and Aeneas*. In 1990, he founded the White Oak Dance Project with Mikhail Baryshnikov. Morris also is in demand as a [ballet choreographer](#). He has created seven works for the San Francisco Ballet since 1994 and received commissions from American Ballet Theatre, Paris Opera Ballet and the Boston Ballet.

[He has worked extensively in opera](#), directing and choreographing productions for The Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, English National Opera, and The Royal Opera, Covent Garden.

In addition to the concert, there will be a Performance in Context - an informal discussion with performing artists and scholars one hour prior to the performance. Reservations aren't needed. For information about this discussion, call Jan Sillery at (914) 251-6194.

For more information and to buy tickets, call **The Performing Arts Center** ticket office (914-251-6200). For more information, log onto The Center's Web site **www.artscenter.org**.

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Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, N.Y., is located 28 miles northeast of New York City at the Connecticut border. The College, part of the State University of New York, is an institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, continuing education, The Neuberger Museum of Art and The Performing Arts Center.