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PURCHASE — Get to see a movie the way critics do and before they are released nationally at **Harlan Jacobson's Talk Cinema** on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College.

The film "The Art of the Steal," is documentary about the demise of one of the world's largest art collections amassed in the hills of Pennsylvania. The 7 p.m. screening will be in The Performing Arts Center's PepsiCo Theatre. A discussion, lead by Mr. Jacobson, will follow the screening.

An unmissable look at one of the art world's most fascinating controversies and a celebrated selection of the Toronto, New York and AFI Film Festivals, Don Argott's gripping documentary "The Art of the Steal," chronicles the long and dramatic struggle for control of the Barnes Foundation, a private collection of art valued at more than \$25 billion. In 1922, Dr. Albert C. Barnes formed a remarkable educational institution around his priceless collection of art, located just five miles outside of Philadelphia.

Now, more than 50 years after Barnes' death, a powerful group of moneyed interests have gone to court for control of the art, and intend to bring it to a new museum in Philadelphia. Standing in their way is a group of Barnes' former students and his will, which contains strict instructions stating the

Foundation should always be an educational institution, and that the paintings may never be removed. Will they succeed, or will a man's will be broken and one of America's greatest cultural monuments be destroyed?

Tickets are \$22.50.

For more information and to buy tickets, call **The Performing Arts Center** ticket office (914-251-6200) or 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.