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**CELEBRATED ART CRITIC PETER SCHJELDAHL
TO SPEAK AT ARTTALKS — AFA'S LECTURE SERIES**

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at Christie's

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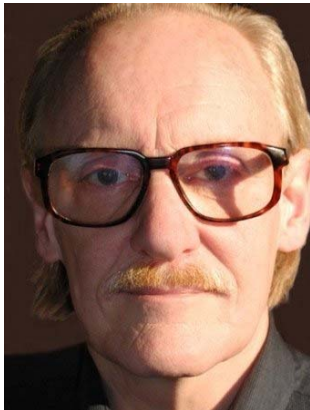


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New York, NY (February 28, 2008) — Peter Schjeldahl, one of America's foremost art critics, will be the featured speaker at the first lecture of the AFA's spring season of ArtTalks. In a talk titled "The Goods, the Bads, the Peculiars: Museums Lately," Schjeldahl will share his insights into the current state of art museums.

The ArtTalk will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at Christie's, located at 20 Rockefeller Plaza, which is on 49th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Following the lecture, audience members are invited to participate in a question-and-answer session and then to join Mr. Schjeldahl for a reception. Admission is \$15; \$10 for AFA members and students with valid identification. ***Seating is limited and reservations are required.*** For reservations, please call 212.988.7700 ext. 210.

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Peter Schjeldahl is the head art critic for *The New Yorker*. Before joining the staff there in 1998, he contributed art criticism to *ArtNews*, *The New York Times*, *The Village Voice*, and *7 Days*. Schjeldahl has written numerous books of art criticism, including *The Hydrogen Jukebox: Selected Writings* (1991), as well as several books of poetry. His book *Let's See: Writings on Art from The New Yorker* will be published by Thames & Hudson this coming May. Schjeldahl is the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship and the Frank Jewett Mather Award for excellence in art criticism from the College Art Association. Born in Fargo, North Dakota, Schjeldahl attended Carleton College and the New School and worked as a newspaper reporter in Minnesota, Iowa, and New Jersey before settling in New York in 1965.

The AFA is a nonprofit institution that organizes art exhibitions for presentation in museums around the world, publishes exhibition catalogues, and develops education programs. For more information on the AFA, please visit www.afaweb.org.

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