

**What's Going On?** The Pew Charitable Trusts, The Annenberg Foundation, The Lenfest Foundation and others want to move the Barnes art collection from Merion to Philadelphia. Friends of the Barnes Foundation says this is dead wrong and wants to ensure that the Barnes is preserved and remains open to the public in its historic home in Merion, Pa.

**There is no reason the collection cannot remain where it belongs.**

The Barnes Foundation is known the world over as an extraordinary cultural treasure: a 12-acre arboretum started in the 1880s, a gallery building designed by Paul Cret (one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most respected architects), and Albert Barnes' art collection -- unlike anything created before or since.

The entire site is eligible to apply for **National Historic Landmark** status. It is complete and indivisible.

Friends of the Barnes Foundation has petitioned Montgomery County Orphans' Court to re-open the Barnes matter. **We have a strong and just case** based on changed circumstances and new information. This includes a secret state appropriation of \$107 million to move the art collection to Philadelphia passed two years before the court decision permitting the move.

**How You Can Help:** We need your help to do this. *Please give to the Legal Defense Fund today.* Our organization is made up of volunteers and 100% of your contribution will go toward preventing destruction of this national treasure.

Yes! I want to help preserve the Barnes Foundation in Merion. Name: _____ Address or e-mail: _____  Please make your contribution to <b>BarnesWatch</b> , a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, for your contribution to be tax deductible. Please send your check to: Friends of the Barnes Foundation P.O. Box 35 Merion Station, PA 19066
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Thank you for your support.

## What's Being Said About What's Going On:

"...the snatch-and-grab solution of relocating the collection to Philadelphia is no solution at all. It isn't salvation. It isn't even euthanasia. It's death by disembowelment."

Richard Lacayo, *TIME's* blog, *Looking Around*

"Altering so much as a molecule of one of the greatest art installations I have ever seen would be an aesthetic crime...The Barnes is a work of art in itself, more than the sum of its fabulous parts...If there were other places like the Barnes, dispensing with it would not be tragic. But one minus one is zero."

Peter Schjeldahl, *The New Yorker*

"What is happening here is an act of cultural vandalism...No one would think the world better off if the paintings of Lascaux were taken from their lonely caves and installed in the Louvre, or if the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel were dropped and brought closer to the eye."

Michael J. Lewis, *Commentary Magazine*

"The Barnes affair is one of the great scandals in American art museums, and it sets a disastrous precedent. If a will isn't sacrosanct under the law, what is? The Fricks, Barneses and Carnegies of the future are going to think very carefully before donating their masterpieces to our institutions and to our future generations."

Tom Freudenheim, *National Law Journal*

"The Barnes Foundation is...important because of the enchanted stature of the Merion complex as a unique cultural monument. Once that's demolished, it cannot be willed back into being in a simulacrum on the Parkway."

Christopher Knight, *Los Angeles Times*

"There are few places in the United States where art and viewer share a closer bond than the beloved old Barnes in suburban Merion, PA. Dismantling it is a crime."

Nicolai Ouroussoff, *The New York Times*

# Friends of the Barnes Foundation

The Barnes Foundation, in its entirety has been deemed eligible to apply for **National Historic Landmark** status, the highest level of historical and cultural significance in the United States.

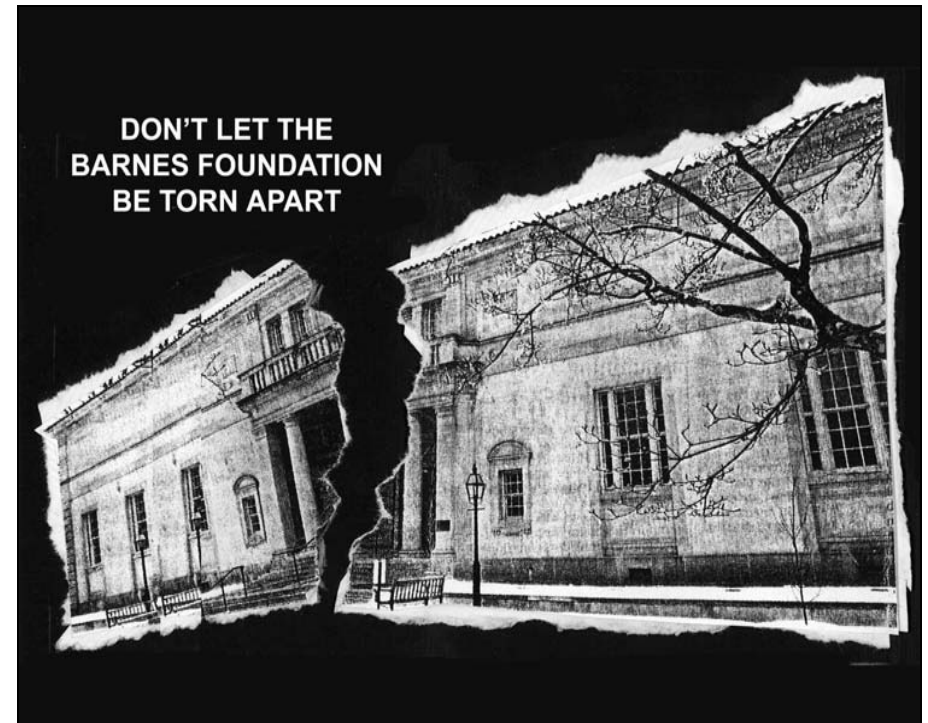
Let's preserve and celebrate the legacy of an American visionary: The Barnes Foundation.

*Dedicated to the Preservation of  
the Barnes Foundation in Merion*

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