

## **SAFE DISTRIBUTES *NETWORK* – A DVD DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE ILLICIT ANTIQUITIES TRADE**

**Jersey City, February 23, 2006**—SAFE/Saving Antiquities for Everyone today announced the release of *NETWORK*, an eye-opening DVD documentary by Andreas Apostolidis that focuses on the illicit trade of Greek antiquities and how it mirrors the deeper crisis facing our shared global cultural heritage. Produced in 2005 by Ioannis Kaspiris, The Greek Film Center, ERT and Anemon Productions, *NETWORK* is now available on DVD, distributed in the US and Canada exclusively through SAFE on their website, [www.savingantiquities.org](http://www.savingantiquities.org).

“*NETWORK* is an ideal means for understanding the illicit antiquities trade and the perfect tool to further our mission to raise awareness about the perils to cultural heritage. It is important to educate the public about the issues in the US and Canada, where the largest trade of antiquities takes place,” says Cindy Ho, president of SAFE.

*NETWORK*'s unique behind-the-scenes look has received acclaim from experts such as Ton Cremers of the Museum Security Network, who describes the film as “‘A must-see’ for museum directors, curators, collectors, art historians, and art history students.” Roger Artwood, author of *Stealing History*, said: “From tomb to saleroom, *NETWORK* is the most hard-hitting account of the illicit antiquities trade I have ever seen on film.”

The film takes viewers from locations in Greece, Southern Italy, and Turkey, straight through to the auction floor at Christie's. It also highlights important cases such as the Euphronios krater, Corinth Museum theft, the Getty Museum, and the Robin Symes and Giacomo Medici prosecutions.

*NETWORK* presents revealing interviews with key representatives from the museum world, the collector and dealer communities, academia, journalism and law enforcement: Thomas Hoving, former director of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Jerome M. Eisenberg, director of the Royal-Athena Gallery, Lord Colin Renfrew, the former director of the Illicit Antiquities Research Center, Richard Ellis, the Former Chief of Scotland Yard's Art and Antique Squad, and Patrick Gildea, an FBI Special Agent, and many others.

*NETWORK* is available exclusively through SAFE in the US and Canada for \$30 (including shipping and handling). To order the DVD or for more information about *NETWORK*, go to <http://www.savingantiquities.org/network.htm>

### **About SAFE**

SAFE/Saving Antiquities for Everyone, Inc. creates educational programs and media campaigns to raise public awareness about the importance of preserving cultural heritage world-wide. SAFE is a coalition of professionals in communications, media, and advertising working alongside experts in the academic, legal and law enforcement communities. SAFE has no political affiliations.

Title: *NETWORK*  
Director: Andreas Apostolidis  
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Running Time: 82 Minutes

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