

Letter to *The New York Times*

To the Editor:

We take exception to many facets of your March 6 front-page article "Quirky Art Foundation Ponders Radical Move." The Barnes Foundation is not pondering a move. The foundation is not quirky, but visionary. We work with the Philadelphia Museum of Art not out of desperation but out of collegiality.

Talk of relocation has been going on since Dr. Albert C. Barnes's death in 1951. For 40 years, the buildings crumbled. In the last 10 years, more action was taken than in the previous 40 years to stabilize the foundation and preserve its collections. The fix for the Barnes Foundation is support, not relocation.

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