Taq Kasra: Wonder of Architecture
Directed by Pejman Akbarzadeh

This is the first ever documentary on the ancient Persian monument Taq Kasra / Arch of Ctesiphon. Considered the largest brick vault in the world, Taq Kasra was built at the heart of the Persian Empire in Sasanian era (3rd-7th century AD), now located close to Baghdad in Iraq.

Taq Kasra was in serious danger of ISIS attacks in 2015-2016 and this was the main motivation for documentary maker Pejman Akbarzadeh to travel to Iraq and film the arch before it was potentially destroyed.

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6:00 p.m.
Luce Hall Auditorium
34 Hillhouse Avenue

Hosted By: Nahid Siamdoust
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Lecture prior to screening: The Sasanian World of the Vault of Chosroes by Kevin van Bladel (NELC)
Followed by Q&A with Director Pejman Akbarzadeh