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FRANK MORGAN, A LEGEND IN BE-BOP, WILL PERFORM AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

(Mahwah) – Jazz at the Berrie Center presents Frank Morgan: A Legend in Be-Bop on Saturday, February 5 at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Morgan’s ensemble for the performance includes, among others, Philadelphia trumpet phenomenon John Swana.

Alto saxophonist Frank Morgan plays the music that Charlie Parker made famous, characterized by beautiful melodies and improvisations. Morgan was introduced to Parker at age seven by his father, a guitarist with the Ink Spots. After the saxophonist moved to California at age 14, he’d play sessions with Charlie Parker, some of which took place in movie stars’ homes.

The Minneapolis-born Morgan released *Frank Morgan* in 1955. A second album, *Easy Living*, wasn’t released until three decades later. He has recorded and toured since his 1985 re-emergence from obscurity, cutting 14 albums between 1985 and 1996. His latest, *City Nights*, recorded live at New York City’s Jazz Standard, reflects Morgan’s fresh approach to his music and his years of experience.

Tickets for Frank Morgan’s performance are \$21 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$12 for youth. The Sharp Theater is located at the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the Ramapo College campus. For more information call 201.684.7844.

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