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HAWTHORNE SYMPHONY, FEATURING NEW JERSEY MUSICIANS, TO PERFORM AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

(Mahwah) – Boasting some of the most talented musicians who call New Jersey home, the Hawthorne Symphony, under the direction of conductor John Minkoff, returns to the Sharp Theater at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Sunday, February 26 at 3 p.m. for a performance featuring the music of Mozart, Ravel and Wagner, and performances by internationally renowned soloists.

The afternoon features sisters Anat and Bracha Malkin, who will perform Mozart's *Symphony Concertante in E-flat for Violin and Viola*; Hawthorne competition winner Jennifer Chu, who will play Ravel's *Sonatine and Ondine*; and Metropolitan Opera singer Steven Fredricks and soprano Alison Bolshoi, who will perform the final scene of Wagner's *die Walkure*.

John Minkoff organized the Hawthorne Symphony in 2000. The group is composed of professional musicians from the New York/New Jersey area who routinely perform with soloists from Julliard, The Metropolitan Opera and The Manhattan School of Music. The symphony is sponsored by the Louis Bay 2nd Library of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

Tickets for the Hawthorne Symphony 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. This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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