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## ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL, FEATURING TALES FROM THE BEIJING OPERA, AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) – The Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts presents *Tales* from the Beijing Opera Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. A martial arts workshop precedes the performance at 12:30 p.m.

Tales from the Beijing Opera is a series of comic and dramatic scenes from China's most popular stories. Told in English and Chinese, this "Kung Fu" theater is a combination of music, dialogue, dance, mime and acrobatics. The performance captures the magic and beauty of China's most renowned performing arts tradition, while being accessible to English-speaking audiences of all ages.

The workshop will present different movements used to create roles, including an old man, a young girl and a monkey. In addition, aspects of traditional martial arts, Kung Fu and Shaolin, will be presented.

Tickets for Asian Arts Festival featuring *Tales from the Beijing Opera* are \$24, \$20 or \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under 17. Tickets to the workshop, limited to performance ticket holders only, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. 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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