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EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey, in conjunction with the Meadowlands Environment Center, will host a slate of activities to celebrate Earth Week, April 16 – 21.

The week will be celebrated through dance, nature tours, discussions and puppet pageantry. The public is invited to attend:

Tuesday, April 17, “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil,” a discussion, will be held 3:30 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium on campus. Another discussion, “Who Killed the Electric Car?” led by environmental studies Professor Chuck Stead, will be held 6 p.m. in the H-Wing auditorium. A reception will follow at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18, there will be a vocal performance by CantaNova at 1 p.m. adjacent to the Kameron Pond on campus.

Thursday, April 19 at 3 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium there will be a lecture, “Generating Electricity from Micro-organisms Found in Soil for Use in Developing Countries” by Dr. Helen White, a post-doctoral researcher at Harvard.

That evening at 6 p.m. there will be a presentation, “Sustainable South Bronx” by Majora Carter in the Sharp Theater. An artist and urban planner, she created Sustainable South Bronx (SSBX), an organization dedicated to holistic community development that creates jobs, protects the environment and brings green space to the inner city. A reception will follow.

Friday, April 20 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. in Room 216 of the Berrie Center, Forces of Nature Dance Theater will present a Master Class on African dance and drumming. That evening, the theatre company will present a dance performance at 8 p.m. in the Sharp

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Theater. Force of Nature's cultural matrix is centered in an African and American intelligence that is global and ecological. Founded in 1981, the company has produced ballets, conducted dance classes and presented concerts and educational programs in the United States and internationally.

Saturday, April 21, an Earth Fest will be held from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in The Grove on the college campus. The activities will include live music; professional and student theater performances; vendors; environmental crafts; and activities sponsored by student clubs and area not-for-profit environmental organizations. On that day from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Arm of the Sea will present a puppetry and performance workshop in Room 216 in the Berrie Center. At 2:30 p.m. the organization will present "Turtle Island," a puppetry performance, in the Grove. At 4 p.m. a Clowning and Comedy Showcase will be held in Room 216 in the Berrie Center.

That evening, the Ramapo Stage Series will present Nordic Fiddle Fest! featuring Frigg in the Sharp Theater at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 201.684.7844.

Events will be sponsored by Ramapo College's Women's Center, the Ramapo Foundation, School of Contemporary Arts, Contemporary Arts Theater Program, Educational Opportunity Fund, Ebony Women for Social Change and the Environmental Alliance. For additional information about any of these events, please call Professor Terra Vandergaw, 201.684.7145, or e-mail her, tvanderg@ramapo.edu.

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