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SOME SWEET DAY WILL BE STAGED AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) -- The New Jersey premier of *Some Sweet Day* will be presented by the theater program of Ramapo College Thursday through Saturday, April 5 through 7 and Wednesday through Saturday, April 11 through 14 at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on the college campus. Mary Ellen Allison, an associate professor of theater at the college, will direct the performance.

With book by Mac Pirkle and Don Jones and music and lyrics by Si Kahn, *Some Sweet Day* is a lively combination of folk, country and gospel music that highlights a compelling story of racism and unionizing set in the 1930 Mississippi Delta region of Arkansas. Based on a real organization, the story follows the intertwining lives of the cotton sharecroppers and labor leaders as they struggle to overcome the poverty and bigotry of the time and organize an integrated sharecropper's union against the wishes of the land bosses.

The production showcases the talents of Ramapo College theater program students and several invited performers:

Hanna Allison	Mahwah
Matt Armenti	Woodbridge
Lauren Barbara	Ramsey
Jenny Bartolf	Middletown
Ashley Cohen	Emerson
Chelsea Collins	Piscataway
Dee Bright Foreman	Neptune
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Isaiah Frizzelle	Bloomfield
Andrew Galuskin	Rutherford
Leah Huss	Dover
Nicole MacDonald	Marlboro
Tom Mazzarella	Park Ridge
Tim Moran	East Windsor
Tanesia Moses	Neptune
Jenna Myers	Middlesex
Anthony Peterson	Plainfield
Adam Posluszny	Wall Township
Charlotte Rogers	Jersey City
Pam Ross	Flemington
Corey Williams	Englewood
Knight Wilson	East Orange
Alyssa Winter	Glen Rock

The music is based, in part, on Si Kahn's experiences as a civil rights, labor and community organizer in Forrest City, Arkansas.

Mary Ellen Allison has worked in the professional theater for the past 45 years. As an Equity Stage manager she has worked from Broadway to numerous regional theaters. She has worked on more than one hundred premieres with award-winning writers including Horton Foote, Michael Cristofer, Bob Randall, Billy Edd Wheeler and Sheldon Epps. Her work for the college includes founding and serving as producer and director of Ramapo Summer Shakespeare as well as a number of RCNJ Theater Program productions.

All performances will be in the Sharp Theater, located in the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the campus of Ramapo College. Tickets are \$10. For ticket information, contact 201.684.7844.

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