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EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host a slate of activities to celebrate Earth Week, April 16 – 21. The week will be celebrated through lectures, discussions, films, dance, theatre, music, nature tours and puppet pageantry. The public is invited to attend the following events:

Tuesday, April 17, there will be a vocal performance by CantaNova from 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. adjacent to the Kameron Pond on campus. At 3:30 p.m., there will be a screening of *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* and at 4:30 p.m., a screening of *Who Killed the Electric Car?* Both films are part of the Earth Week Film Series and will be shown in the H-Wing Auditorium on campus. At 6 p.m., there will be a discussion about the films led by Ramapo College Professors Chuck Stead and Mike Edelstein, followed by refreshments.

Wednesday, April 18, the Earth Week Film Series continues with a screening of *An Inconvenient Truth* at 6:30 p.m. and a screening of *The Corporation* at 8 p.m., both in the H-Wing Auditorium.

Thursday, April 19 at 3 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium there will be a lecture, “Examining the Diversity of Electricity Generating Microorganisms: New Options for Sustainability” by Dr. Helen White, a post-doctoral researcher at Harvard.

That evening at 6 p.m. in the Sharp Theater, Majora Carter will be the featured Earth Week keynote speaker. An artist and urban planner, she created Sustainable South Bronx (SSB), an organization dedicated to holistic community development that creates jobs, protects the environment and brings green space to the inner city.

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Friday, April 20, the future of sustainability at the college will be the topic for a conference, “Sustainability at Ramapo: Prospective and Retrospective” from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. in Pavilion Room 3. The conference will be coordinated by Professor Michael Edelstein, medelste@ramapo.edu.

Later that day, Forces of Nature Dance Theater will present a dance performance at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater. Through the development of ongoing programs offered to schools, community service organizations and cultural art institutions, Forces of Nature has found that the arts, coupled with informative, stimulating academic presentations and creative participation, serve as one of the best tools in educating young people and redirecting them toward a progressive alternative path. For ticket information, call 201.684.7844.

Saturday, April 21, an Earth Fest will be held from noon – 6 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. At 2:30 p.m. Arm of the Sea Theater will present “Turtle Island,” a free puppetry performance, in the Grove. At 4 p.m. a Clowning and Comedy Showcase will be held in Room 216 in the Berrie Center, and at 5:00 p.m. the Ramapo Chorale will perform.

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.

The 12th Annual Ramapo River Watershed Conference will take place on **Sunday, April 27** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Alumni Lounges in the Student Center. Coordinated by Professor Howard Horowitz, hhorowit@ramapo.edu, the conference will discuss the latest research and issues involving the Ramapo River Watershed.

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, please call Professor Terra Vandergaw, 201.684.7145, or e-mail her, tvanderg@ramapo.edu, except where otherwise noted.