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**AN ECLECTIC EVENING OF DANCE PERFORMED BY THE  
AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET**

(Mahwah) – The American Repertory Ballet presents “Sinatra, Shadows, and Stars” at Ramapo College of New Jersey Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on campus. The performance will be directed by Graham Lustig, the artistic director of the American Repertory Ballet.

The American Repertory Ballet returns to the college with Twyla Tharp’s iconic ode to the American Songbook, “Sinatra Suite.” A powerful duet choreographed to five songs sung by Frank Sinatra, this piece takes the audience through the wide range of emotions found in relationships between lovers. It will be re-staged by Elaine Kudo, whose original performance with Mikhail Baryshnikov was aired on PBS.

“Shadows in the Attic” was inspired by the support and friendship Dutch families gave to Anne Frank and her family. The piece reflects the last night the family spent in the attic of their home.

Closing the evening will be “Starry Nights” by international choreographer Lisa de Ribere that explores how easily a creative spark can be lost. This piece was inspired by three paintings by Vincent Van Gogh, *Starry Nights Over the Rhone*, 1888. *The Café Terrasse, Arles, At Night*, 1888 and *The Starry Night*, 1889.

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Tickets for “Sinatra, Shadows, and Stars” cost \$24, \$20 and \$16 for adults; \$12 for children under 17, and five percent discount for senior citizens. The Sharp Theater is located on campus in the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. For more information call 201.684.7844.

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