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**POET ADRIENNE RICH WILL GIVE A READING
AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

MAHWAH – Poet and author Adrienne Rich will give a reading Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Admission is free. She appears at Ramapo College in recognition of Disability Awareness Month.

Rich has published more than 16 volumes of poetry and four books of nonfiction. Since receiving the Yale Younger Poets Award in 1951 (from judge W.H. Auden), at the age of 21, she has not stopped writing in her distinct voice, full of strength and conviction. Rich has said that her poetry seeks to create a dialectical relationship between “the personal, or lyric voice, and the so-called political — really, the voice of the individual speaking not just to herself, or to a beloved friend, but to and from a collective, a social realm.” She will publish a new collection of essays, *A Human Eye: Essays on Art in Society*, in May 2009, and a book of new and selected poetry in October 2009.

The Sharp Theater is located in The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. To order tickets, call the box office at 201.684.7844 or log on to www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter/tickets.html.

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