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## "PORTRAIT OF A SAVANT: THE MATT SAVAGE TRIO"

## WILL PERFORM AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

MAHWAH – Jazz at the Berrie Center presents "*Portrait of a Savant: The Matt Savage Trio*" Wednesday, October 15 at 1 p.m. in the Sharp Theater on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Admission is free.

Sixteen-year-old Matt Savage is one of fewer than 100 people known in the world as a "prodigious savant," a rare condition in which persons with disabilities, including autism, with which Savage was diagnosed at age 3, have some form of genius. This jazz pianist and composer has headlined at the New Orleans and Ottawa Jazz Festivals, the Kennedy Center and at legendary New York City clubs including Birdland, the Blue Note and Dizzy's. He appears at Ramapo College with his trio in observance of Disability Awareness Month.

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 <u>www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter/tickets.html</u>. This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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