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LES YEUX NOIRS WILL PRESENT GYPSY AND KLEZMER MUSIC

AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

MAHWAH – The rhythmic sounds of Les Yeux Noirs -- The Black Eyes -- will be

presented at Ramapo College of New Jersey in January.

Les Yeux Noirs, a Paris-based octet, will perform in a return engagement in the Sharp

Theater on the campus of Ramapo College. For twelve years, Les Yeux Noirs have been

carving their own path down the road of Yiddish and Gypsy music, supported by a

growing audience. Both joyous and nostalgic, this nomadic music perfectly reflects the

lives of a persecuted people in exile, caught up in a massive Diaspora, all with an

unshakeable will to live.

In 2001, Les Yeux Noirs made their debut in the United States. To date, they have

performed more than a hundred concerts in their six tours in the States and they now

regularly tour the United States three months of every year.

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The octet will perform Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. in the Sharp Theater, located in The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. Tickets cost \$25, \$23 and \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 17. A 5% discount off regular ticket prices will be given to senior citizens and WBGO Radio and N.J. Jazz Society members. 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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