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**A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD
WILL BE PRESENTED AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

MAHWAH – Recording artist Freda Payne will perform a special musical tribute to Ella Fitzgerald at Ramapo College in February.

Payne, the star of Broadway shows including “*Jelly’s Last Jam*” and “*Sophisticated Ladies*” will conjure the spirit of Ella in this musical play with her renditions of standards like “*Mack the Knife*,” “*Sweet Georgia Brown*” and “*It Don’t Mean a Thing*.” Payne, a celebrated R&B and jazz vocalist, shot to fame with the hit, “*Band of Gold*.”

This Valentine’s Day celebration will be presented Saturday, February 14 at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater, located in The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. Tickets cost \$25, \$22 and \$19 for adults and \$12 for children under 17. Senior citizens, WBGO Radio and N.J. Jazz Society members will receive 20% off regular ticket prices. To order tickets, call the box office at 201.684.7844.

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