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**“COMMON GROUND: CONNECTING HUMANS, MUSIC, ART AND THE
NATURAL WORLD” EARTH DAY SYMPOSIUM TO TAKE PLACE AT
RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) -- Ramapo College will be hosting “Common Ground: Connecting Humans, Music, Art and the Natural World,” in celebration of Earth Day. “Common Ground” is an interdisciplinary symposium in which a variety of speakers and performers will be exploring the connectivity of people and nature through a variety of art forms and topics.

The symposium will combine the concentrations of music, math, art, science, and interactivity. Through lectures, screenings, performances, panel discussions, and presentations, participants will explore the power of the arts to reconnect people and the natural world.

The symposium is an independent initiative of a group of Ramapo College students who have brought together a number of artists and speakers to promote sustainability. The presenters, performers and panelists include: Ralph Abraham, from University of California at Santa Cruz; Joel Chadabe, director of the NYU Manhattan School of Music; Amy Lipton, co-director of ecoartspace; David Rothberg of NJIT; and Ramapo College professors Clyde Johnson, Ben Neill and Jackie Skrzynski, and the Ramapo Computer Music Ensemble.

“Common Ground: Connecting Humans, Music, Art and the Natural World” will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Ramapo College of New Jersey in the H-Wing Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For performance information and times, please visit www.thegetdownblog.com. For additional information, please contact Emmy Black at 732.233.5770 or eblack@ramapo.edu. For media inquires, please contact Anna Farneski, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, at 201.684.6844.

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