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THE BERRIE CENTER PRESENTS EXCITING, DIVERSE LINE-UP OF FALL PERFORMANCES AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts at Ramapo College will present an eclectic slate of music, theater and comedy performances this fall.

The season starts off with a Comedy Night, featuring Dat Phan, the very first winner of Last Comic Standing, on Saturday, September 25 at 8 p.m. Phan will be joined by other contestants from the show for a hilarious evening of stand-up comedy. Tickets are \$26, \$23 and \$20 for adults, and \$15 for children under 17.

The critically-acclaimed folk-rocker and child of a musical Irish family, Luka Bloom will perform on Saturday, October 2 at 8 p.m. His live performances are prolific and highly entertaining, featuring his distinctive "electro-acoustic" style of guitar playing. Tickets are \$23, \$20 and \$18 for adults, and \$12 for children under 17.

On Sunday, October 3 at 3 p.m., the percussive tap dance extravaganza Rhythmic Circus! will perform the original production of "Feet Don't Fail Me Now." The performance is an explosion of hard-hitting tap, high spirited humor and finger-snapping music guaranteed to leave audiences of all ages amazed! Tickets are \$23, \$20 and \$18 for adults, and \$12 for children under 17.

The Kresge Gallery at the Berrie Center will hold a special exhibit in honor of Disability Awareness Month, titled "Alex Masket: A View with a Room." This gallery will hold the work of Alex Masket, a self-taught artist with autism. On Wednesday, October 6, at 5 p.m. there will be a special exhibition opening ceremony and reception, featuring a film screening of "Breaking Boundaries: The Art of Alex Masket" followed by a talk with the artist and his family and a gallery reception. This event is free.

Broadway's Christine Ebersole will be performing on Saturday, October 16 at 8 p.m. This Tony Award winner, lauded for her work in "Grey Gardens" and "42nd Street," recently won the New York Nightlife Award. Tickets are \$30, \$27 and \$24 for adults, and \$15 for children under 17.

On Friday, October 22 as part of the Berrie Center Schooltime Performance Series, The Story Pirates will present "Goofball Galaxy: An Environment Musical," written by Sam Jacovitz, age 9.

In this fabulous adventure, the Universe and planet Earth are in danger, while Max, the king of Goofball Galaxy takes on the terrible forces trying to destroy the environment! There will be two performances, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 11:45 a.m. This show is

intended for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Tickets are \$8. Call Doreen Janes at 201-684-7207 to reserve.

The Cashore Marionettes will perform their exciting act Simple Gifts on Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m. The Atlanta Center for Puppetry Arts calls the performance “A wonderful world of breathtaking magic [that] is created by one man and his exquisite marionettes.” Be transformed as Henson Foundation award winner Joe Cashore redefines the art of puppetry. Tickets are \$23, \$20 and \$18 for adults, and \$12 for children under 17.

Jazz at the Berrie Center presents The Barry Harris Trio on Friday, November 12 at 8 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. NEA Jazz Master, composer, pianist and educator, Barry Harris culminates a week-long residency with a swinging evening of be-bop and beautiful jazz. Tickets are \$23, \$20 and \$18 for adults, and \$12 for children under 17.

As part of a special performance to benefit the Ramapo College Center for Holocaust and Genocide studies, The Shanghai Quartet presents The Mendelssohn Project on Saturday, December 4 at 8 p.m. Renowned for its passionate musicality, impressive technique and multicultural innovations, this superstar chamber quartet, now in its 26th year, performs works of Mendelssohn, among others. Tickets are \$30, \$27 and \$24 for adults, and \$15 for children under 17. As part of the benefit, a dinner will also be held. For special benefit dinner tickets, please contact Dr. Michael Riff at 201-681-7409.

Celebrate the holidays Celtic style with An Eileen Ivers Christmas on Sunday, December 12 at 7 p.m. Eileen Ivers, founding member of Cherish The Ladies and the original musical star of Riverdance, known for her blue violin and her rockin’ group, Immigrant Soul, takes the stage of the Sharp Theater in full fiddling’ force with vocals, step dancers and a fabulous salute to the season. Tickets are \$30, \$27 and \$24 for adults and \$15 for children under 17.

Jazz at the Berrie Center presents A New York Voices Holiday on Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m. In the tradition of Manhattan Transfer, and Jon Hendricks and Annie Ross, the Grammy-Award winning New York Voices, renowned for their extraordinary scope of music and the art of group singing, is the most exciting vocal ensemble on the jazz scene today. Join them for a joyous holiday take on the Great American Songbook, as well as everyone’s favorite songs of the season. Tickets are \$26, \$23 and \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 17.

For more information, visit www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter or call 201. 684.7844.

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