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**"ONE-TWO PUNCH" EXHIBITION FEATURES NEWARK ARTISTS AT  
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – "One-Two Punch," the first of two unique exhibitions about artists based in Newark opens in the Kresge Gallery in the Berrie Center at Ramapo College on February 2 and continues through March 4. An opening reception will be held on February 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. with artists' talks at 6:30 p.m. Additional artists' talks will be offered on March 2 at 5 p.m.

"One-Two Punch" features the following artists: Ibrahim Ahmed III, Daniel Brophy, Kevin Darmanie, Jerry Gant, Matt Gosser, Ryan Higgins, Greg Leshé, Tara Raye Russo, Serron, Kati Vilim, and Emma Wilcox. These artists work in a variety of media from painting to sculpture to video.

"We wanted to support the nascent art scene in Newark with a show devoted to artists working down there today," said Sydney Jenkins, Ramapo galleries art director. "The second Newark-based exhibition in the fall will highlight another generation of more widely exhibited, museum-collected artists who also have strong ties to Newark."

This project is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1 through 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 1 through 7 p.m. For further information, contact galleries director Sydney Jenkins at (201) 684-7147.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fourth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work, and as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers four graduate programs and articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Undergraduate students choose to concentrate their studies in one of five schools with more than 700 course offerings and 40 academic programs. Ramapo College boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23, affording students the opportunity to develop close ties to the College's exceptional faculty.