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**Ramapo Chorale to Present An Early American
Holiday at Historic Old Paramus Reformed Church**

(MAHWAH, NJ) - The Ramapo College Chorale, along with CantaNOVA, Skylark and Take12, will present An Early American Holiday on Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. at the Old Paramus Reformed Church in Ridgewood, NJ.

The candlelit performance will include 70 voices accompanied by harp, dulcimer, flute, guitar, organ as well as the Ramapo strings.

The Chorale, led by Director and Associate Professor of Vocal Music Lisa Lutter, is comprised of 70 singers from virtually every academic program on campus. CantaNOVA, founded in 2005, is an auditioned 24-voice vocal ensemble that performs mostly a cappella music. Skylark, started in 2007, is the College's 20-voice women's ensemble. Take12 is the men's group.

In addition to the choral event, the Schoolhouse Museum, located next door to the historic Old Paramus Church, invites all concert attendees to show their tickets between 2 and 4 p.m. for free admission to the Ridgewood Historical Society's exhibit, The Civil War Years: At Home and on the Battlefield.

Tickets are \$5 for Ramapo students and \$10 for community members. Tickets may be purchased at the door or may be purchased in advance by contacting Lutter or any Ramapo Chorale member.

For An Early American Holiday ticket information or for more information about the Ramapo College Chorale, CantaNOVA, Skylark or Take12, please contact Chorale Director Lutter at 201.684.6265 or via email at llutter@ramapo.edu.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College 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. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as 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.