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Ramapo College to Celebrate Afro-Brazilian Music and Dance

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College will hold two Afro-Brazilian Music and Dance workshops and a concert on Friday, March 9. The workshops will be held for Ramapo students at 2 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. in the Berrie Center's Sharp Theater. The concert will at 8 p.m. also in the Sharp Theater. The concert will include folkloric music and dance ensembles in celebration of Afro-Brazilian culture with music, samba dancing, and breathtaking capoeira martial arts dance.

The events are sponsored by the Schomburg Distinguished Visiting Scholar/Artist Program, the School of Contemporary Arts, and the Berrie Center.

The workshops invite students to learn and perform music and dance with visiting artists of the Ologundê Music and Dance Group. Ologundê will also perform at the concert along with the Ramapo Brazilian Percussion Ensemble.

The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$21, \$18, or \$15. Tickets for children under 17 are \$12 and free for students. A five percent discount off regular ticket prices is issued to seniors, WBGO Radio members, New Jersey Jazz Society members, WFUV Radio members, and Ramapo Affiliates.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Sharp Theater at the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts at 201.684.7844 or visit www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, 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.