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**Ladies of Laughter Funny and Fabulous Tour Comes to Ramapo College**

(MAWAH, NJ)- The Ladies of Laughter *Funny & Fabulous* tour comes to the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts at Ramapo College on Friday, November 30, at 8 p.m. The show will feature three of the funniest women in stand-up comedy today, including the 2012 Ladies of Laughter National Contest winners, Robin Fox and Regina DeCicco. Mary Jo Comedy Award winner, Leighann Lord, will host the show. This tour follows the heralded national contest in search of the funniest female comedienne in the country.

Fox calls herself a "real NJ housewife" and hails from Bridgewater, NJ. She wowed the crowd and judges from Comedy Central this past summer with her slant on being a mom and housewife with an early-retired husband who closely monitors her and the thermostat daily.

DeCicco is from the Lower Hudson Valley, and her family owns the famed DeCicco markets. She was voted "Lower Hudson Valley's Funniest Person" in 2011 and has quickly made a name for herself with her distinct voice; (Imagine if Harvey Fierstein and Brenda Vaccarro had a baby) and stories about her life.

Hosting the show is the incomparable Lord, who is a regular at top comedy clubs, theatres and casinos all over the United States, and frequently travels overseas to perform before American troops. She is considered one of the smartest women in comedy today.

Since it was first introduced as "New Jersey's Funniest Female Contest" at the YWCA in Ridgewood over a decade ago, the Ladies of Laughter series has awarded comedy bookings, major publicity and thousands of dollars to comedienne and has been "a driving force behind women comedienne getting to the next level in their careers," said Executive Producer Peggy Boyce. "It truly is the source for women in comedy."

The events have led contestants to appearances in local and national media, including ABC-Television, Comedy Central, FOX-TV and feature stories in The New York Times, which have generated a significant number of paid comedy bookings to many participants. "This was one of the best shows we ever did," raves the Senior VP for Entertainment at Madison Square Garden.

For videos and more information on the Ladies of Laughter, visit [www.ladiesoflaughter.org](http://www.ladiesoflaughter.org), <http://www.ladiesoflaughter.org/comediennes-2/robin-fox/>, <http://www.ladiesoflaughter.org/comediennes-2/leighann-lord/> or <http://www.ladiesoflaughter.org/comediennes-2/regina-decicco/>. For additional video of Leighann Lord visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJSTvgPyNk8&feature=related>.

Tickets for Ladies of Laughter *Funny and Fabulous* show are \$28, \$25 and \$22. To purchase tickets, call the box office at (201) 684-7844 or go to [www.Ramapo.edu/berriecenter/](http://www.Ramapo.edu/berriecenter/).

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth 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.