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THE S.E.L.L.O.U.T. COMEDY TOUR COMES TO BERRIE CENTER

Show Features Four National Headliners From MTV, HBO, and Comedy Central

(MAHWAH, NJ) -- The S.E.L.L.O.U.T Comedy Tour comes to the Berrie Center at Ramapo College on Friday, February 22 at 8 p.m. The comedy show "celebrates diversity, one joke at a time," with four national headliners that includes, BT, Louis Johnson, Billy D. Washington, and Vince Morris.

S.E.L.L.O.U.T is an acronym for: Serious. Educated. Laughing. Learning. Outstanding, Unique and Talented. Why this title? At some point in their careers, each of the four comics featured has been accused of not being true to their heritage, their culture and their profession. This show is their answer to their critics and it celebrates individualism.

The production features Oklahoma native, BT, who has performed in more than 43 states, three countries and has been seen on the Sci-Fi Channel and on HBO. He has been described as having "a similar high-energy style to Jerry Lewis with substance to match."

Louis Johnson is also part of the S.E.L.L.O.U.T foursome and has appeared on Comedy Central, B.E.T., Showtime, A&E and was the star of his own "Showtime Comic of the Month Special" after winning the same network's "Funniest Person in America" contest.

Pianist/comedian, Billy D. Washington, is regarded as one of the most versatile comics in America. He has appeared numerous times on HBO and Comedy Central and has shared the stage with some of the most influential talents of our time. He is the writer and exec producer of the "Gospel Play- Finding First Lady."

The group is completed by the thought provoking and insightful, Vince Morris, who challenges audiences to look closely at the negative images and stereotypes we accept in our everyday lives. His national TV appearances on Comedy Central have garnered him rave reviews as one of the most unique voices in comedy today.

S.E.L.L.O.U.T.'S motto is "be yourself because everybody else is already taken!" Their goal is to chip away the walls of racial and social stereotypes one show at a time. By the look of their current tour schedule and the positive reviews, they have a good shot at doing just that. Celebrate African American History Month with this one-of-a-kind show. To purchase tickets to the February 22 S.E.L.L.O.U.T. performance at the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts at Ramapo College, call the box office at (201) 684-7844 or go to Ramapo.edu/berriecenter/events/February.html Tickets cost \$28/\$25/ and \$22.

VIDEO LINK

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SelloutComedyTour>

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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.