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Ramapo College's Open Door Concert Series Features Internationally Acclaimed Mezzo Soprano MaryAnn McCormick February 6

(MAHWAH, NJ) - The Open Door Concert Series continues to promote live classical music for Ramapo College students and the surrounding community with a fascinating lineup this semester of concerts showcasing a wide amplitude of ensembles, soloists and composers.

The February 6 concert will feature internationally acclaimed mezzo soprano MaryAnn McCormick, who teaches voice lessons at Ramapo, and pianist Corazon Andres Bisda performing "lieder" by Hugo Wolf and Gustav Mahler, coupled with a rendering of Felix Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words op.19b" by pianist and artistic director Itay Goren.

Following a successful collaboration during last season's concerts playing Brahms's "Quintet for piano and strings Op. 34," on March 6 the Madison String Quartet and Itay Goren will bring Robert Schumann's legendary "Piano Quintet Op. 44" to Ramapo College. MSQ will complete the program with Beethoven's "Quartet op.18, no. 2."

The April 3 concert will present music by composer and Ramapo College faculty member Richard Sorce. Faculty and guest musicians will interpret several of Sorce's compositions while the composer will offer insights and commentary about his works.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the York Room, located in the Birch Mansion on campus.

Admission is free and tickets are not necessary. Seating is limited and seats are available on first come basis.

For a photo of Ms. McCormick, click here:

<http://www.ramapo.edu/news/pressreleases/2013/images/mccormick.tif>

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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.