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Open Door Concert Series to Present Next Concert on March 6

(MAHWAH, NJ) - On Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m., The Open Door Concert Series will be presenting another concert in the York Room at the Birch Mansion. The series continues to promote live classical music for Ramapo College students and the surrounding community with a concert that will be performed by the New Jersey-based Madison String Quartet and pianist Itay Goren.

The March 6 concert will feature Robert Schumann's exquisite Quintet for piano and strings op. 44. The members of the Madison String Quartet will also perform Beethoven's String Quartet Op. 18 No. 2, as well as pieces by Astor Piazzolla and Miguel Del Aguila.

The Quintet was written in 1842, the "chamber music" year of Schumann, during which he wrote three string quartets and a piano quartet in addition to the quintet. It is one of the most beloved chamber music pieces by audiences and musicians alike due to its divine melodies, pulsating rhythms and surprising harmonies. Additionally, its second movement was famously used by Ingmar Bergman in his film, "Fanny and Alexander."

Admission to the event is free, and tickets are not necessary. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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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.