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Ramapo College to Present "To Russia With Love" Concert

(MAHWAH, NJ) - The Ramapo College Chorale will present the concert "To Russia with Love" on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. in the Berrie Center's Sharp Theater.

The concert, which celebrates the Chorale's upcoming tour to Russia and Estonia, features American, Russian and Estonian master composers. Following the intermission, the Ramapo Chorale, soloists and orchestra will present a concert version of the 1980s rock opera, "Chess," by Tim Rice and former ABBA band members Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson. "Chess" is based on the famous Cold War chess world championship between U.S. grandmaster Bobby Fischer and Russian champion Boris Spassky.

The Ramapo College Chorale will perform under the direction of Lisa Lutter, professor of Music, with pianist Itay Goren, the Ramapo string quartet and members of the Ramapo Jazz Ensemble.

Tickets are \$20 for preferred seating, \$15 for standard seating and \$5 for students. They may be purchased at the Berrie Center's Box Office or by calling (201) 684-7844.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, 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 six 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.