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TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE
A Concert Featuring Russian, Estonian and American Music

(MAHWAH, NJ) - The Friends of Ramapo will host To Russia with Love, a choral concert and dessert reception Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m. in the Berrie Center Rehearsal Hall. The program will span from Russian masters to favorite American composers.

The program will feature selections 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 world chess championship between United States' grandmaster Bobby Fisher and Russian world champion Boris Spassky.

The Ramapo College choral groups CantaNOVA and Skylark will perform under the direction of Lisa Lutter, professor of Music with pianist Itay Goren.

Tickets are \$25 per person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of Ramapo Scholarship for the Arts for students in the visual or performing arts. Seating is limited. Reservations required. Tickets may be ordered online: <http://tinyurl.com/ToRussiaWithLove> or by sending a check payable to Ramapo College Foundation to JoAnne Zellers, Ramapo College Foundation, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Info: jzellers@ramapo.edu.

The Berrie Center Rehearsal Hall is located on the campus of Ramapo College, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ.

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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.