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Celebrated Tango Musician Octavio Brunetti Performs at Ramapo College

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College is proud to present a rare New Jersey concert by world-renowned Tango musician Octavio Brunetti and his Urban Tango Trio on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sharp Theater at Ramapo's Russ and Angelica Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts.

Formed in 2008, Urban Tango Trio is three virtuoso musicians: Octavio Brunetti, piano; Pedro Giraud, bass; and Machiko Ozawa, violin. Together they captivate audiences with the passion, beauty and excitement of Argentine music, taking them on a breathtaking musical journey that ranges from traditional favorites to contemporary 21st century interpretations.

Latin Grammy-winner Octavio Brunetti is considered one of the most sought-after tango pianists of our times, and has performed with many of Argentina's most important tango musicians and singers. With his main ensemble, the Octavio Brunetti Quintet, he has appeared at the Kaufmann Hall, Jamaica Center for the Arts and the NY City Center. Mr Brunetti has performed with world-renowned cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, jazz ambassador Paquito D'Rivera, Bandoneonist Daniel Binelli, and he has participated in numerous music festivals throughout the world, and performed in venues such as Symphony Space, The Blue Note, and Jazz at Lincoln Center. His recordings include Grammy award-winning CD "Te Amo Tango" with Raul Jaurena, and the original soundtrack music for the Francis Ford Coppola movies' "Tetro" and "Twixt" composed by Osvaldo Golijov. Most recently, he composed the score for Ramapo Professor Marta Bautis' film "Manku Wenu Lafken" ("A Condor in the Reeds").

Mr. Brunetti's appearance is part of Ramapo's Schomburg Scholar-in-Residence program. Named for noted scholar and African-American activist Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, the Schomburg Program is designed to impact students' learning experiences through exposure to scholars, activists, authors and artists from diverse backgrounds with expertise in areas related to Ramapo's intercultural/multicultural mission.

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.