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OPEN DOOR CONCERT SERIES BEGINS SECOND SEASON FEBRUARY 19 AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Continuing its second season, The Open Door Series will present in three concerts with excellent soloists and varied chamber music ensembles. All concerts are free and open to the public and take place in the York Room at the Birch Mansion on campus.

On Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m., the series will feature for the first time a woodwind recital and the York Room will be filled with the warm sounds of the oboe. Oboist Frederick Katzenberg and pianist Gary Klein will perform a program that will include music of the baroque, classical, and romantic periods, as well as the 20th century. Frederick and Gary have performed on radio and television in New York City and New Jersey, as well as at numerous universities and concert halls.

On Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m., the Gabriel Chamber Ensemble of Pennsylvania, celebrating their 25th season, will be joined by pianist and the series' director Itay Goren for an exciting program. Mozart's Piano Concerto K. 449 will be performed in an intimate setting with a string quartet, the same way Mozart himself performed it in house concerts in Vienna. Also on the program are Debussy's String Quartet and César Franck's mighty Quintet for Piano and Strings.

On Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m., internationally known pianist and William Paterson University faculty member Frank Pavese will give a solo recital as part of a series of recitals in the metropolitan area. Mr. Pavese, who is known for his especially sonorous sound and imaginary interpretations, and who is the artistic director of the Hindemithon festival in William Paterson University now in its 13th season, will play Hindemith's *In einer Nacht*. The program will also include Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales* and a selection of pieces by Chopin including the fourth *Ballade*.

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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 often viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 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 seven graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University 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.