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**ROGER STEFFENS, AUTHORITY ON MUSIC OF BOB MARLEY, TO SPEAK
AT RAMAPO COLLEGE ON OCTOBER 6**

(MAHWAH, NJ) Roger Steffens, world-renowned authority on all things Bob Marley, will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey on October 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sharp Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

Steffens will deliver a multimedia presentation, *The Life of Bob Marley*. The presentation has been called “the definitive history of the reggae king.” Marley, known as the foremost Jamaican reggae singer-songwriter, was a best-selling artist who infused his music with Rastafari spirituality. He died in 1981 at the age of 36.

Steffens co-hosted *Reggae Beat* on KCRW for eight years and the internationally syndicated *Reggae Beat International* for five years. He was named the ‘Most Popular Reggae DJ in the World’ by Martin’s International Awards in Chicago. His ten-CD series, entitled *The Complete Bob Marley & the Wailers 1967 to 1972*, is a 220-track series with more than 100 rare Bob Marley & the Wailers recordings.

The event is sponsored by The Schomburg Scholar Committee. For more information, contact Professor Aaron Lorenz at alorenz@ramapo.edu.

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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 6,000 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.