

**New Band & Choir Summer Camp for High School Students
Offered at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, NJ – A new Band & Choir Camp at Ramapo College offers opportunities for high school instrumentalists and singers to perform in ensembles this summer. Students perform in either concert band or chorale, study musicianship, and choose from music performance electives such as Brazilian drumming, music improvisation, technique for singers or percussion ensemble. All participants showcase their talents during a finale performance open to families and friends. The program runs July 13-24, 2015.

The Band & Choir Camp is open to high school students entering ninth-twelfth grades. Throughout the two-week summer music immersion, students advance their performance skills with two rehearsals each day in either band or chorale, depending on background and interest. Pre-college music theory or music fundamentals courses are tailored to fit individual needs and taught in small class settings. Students further customize their learning experience through electives and an optional small group technique for singers or instrumental ensemble at the end of each day.

Information Sessions presented by the program faculty are scheduled on Monday, March 16 in BC-301 and on Tuesday, April 21 in BC-142 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the Ramapo College campus. Pre-registration is requested online at www.ramapo.edu/cipl/bandchoircamp or call 201-684-7370.

The Ramapo Band & Choir Camp is led by two Ramapo College distinguished professors. Dr. Lisa Lutter is conductor of the Ramapo Chorale and founder/artistic director of Cantate Guam. Both ensembles have won gold medals in international competition and appeared with Grammy award winners. Choirs under Dr. Lutter's direction have toured throughout the U.S., Australia, China, Europe, Japan, Latin America, Mexico and Russia. As a soprano, she performed at the Tanglewood and Aspen Music Festivals, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and was a regional Metropolitan Opera Finalist. She received the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from Manhattan School of Music.

Dr. Christian Wilhelm is conductor of the Ramapo College Concert Band and founder/conductor of the Ridgewood Concert Band, one of the leading wind orchestras in the nation. Dr. Wilhelm is an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association. A French hornist, Dr. Wilhelm has played at the Tanglewood Music Festival as a Leonard Bernstein fellow and under the batons of some of the world's leading conductors including Leonard Bernstein, Sir Colin Davis, Arthur Fiedler and Seiji Ozawa. He received the Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University. Music fundamentals, music theory and all elective performance courses are taught by specialists in each area.

To learn more about the Ramapo Band & Choir Camp, please sign up for an Information Session at: www.ramapo.edu/cipl/bandchoircamp, or call the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at 201-684-7370.