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Ramapo College Open Door Concert Series Continues with Woodwind Quintet, Samuel Barber's *Summer Music*

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Open Door Concert Series at Ramapo College continues its fourth season on Wednesday, November 4. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the York Room of the Birch Mansion at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature woodwind quintet headed by French horn player and band director Dr. Chris Wilhjelm, who is the director of the newly formed Ramapo College Concert Band as well as the acclaimed Ridgewood Concert Band. Wilhjelm will be collaborating with flutist Margaret Swinchoski, oboist Marsha Heller, clarinetist Richard Summers and bassoonist Atsuko Sato for a performance of Samuel Barber's evocative *Summer Music*, a work commissioned by the Detroit Chamber Music Society and the only one Barber composed for wind instruments.

Joining forces with the winds is the Series' director, pianist Itay Goren for a performance of the Mozart's masterpiece the Quintet for Winds and Piano, which set the standard for writing to such an ensemble from then on. In a letter to his father, Mozart wrote about this Quintet: "I myself consider it the best thing I have written in my life."

Concluding the evening will be Francis Poulenc's jagged, sentimental, raucous and fun-filled Sextet for Piano and Winds.

For disability-related accommodations and other information, contact Professor Itay Goren at igoren@ramapo.edu

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Public 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 6,000 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 eight 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.