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## **Filmmaker to Screen Award-Winning Documentary about Miraculous Turnaround in Ethiopian Girl's Life**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Filmmaker Melissa Donovan will screen and lead a discussion of her film, *Zemene*, at Ramapo College on Monday, October 19, from 1 to 2:50 p.m. This presentation, taking place in the Alumni Lounges (SC-156/57) of the Robert A. Scott Student Center, is free and open to the public. Funded through the College's Platinum Series, this event is co-sponsored by the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Communication Arts' Cinematheque Series.

Donovan will discuss her multiple roles as director, editor, cinematographer and producer of her award-winning premiere documentary. The renowned cinematographer's diversified experience, spanning over her 15-year career, has included work in film and commercial production for various corporate clients.

*Zemene* follows a young Ethiopian girl's bravery as she struggles with poverty, poor education and illness. Filmed throughout the countryside of Ethiopia, *Zemene* attests to the power of compassion by following Zemene through a series of life-changing events. The film has received eight awards, including Best Documentary and Best Filmmaker, from several local and international film festivals.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201-684-7409.

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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.

