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Ramapo College to Host 35th Annual Black Maria Film Festival on February 12

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host the national tour of the 35th annual Black Maria Film and video Festival on Friday, February 12 at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Theater of the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts.

The acclaimed festival features award-winning short films, including animations, documentaries and narratives from the 2016 juried competition. The festival attracts and showcases the work of independent filmmakers internationally. This season, submissions were received from filmmakers on every continent except Antarctica.

Festival director Jane Steuerwald will be present to introduce the films and lead a discussion with the audience.

Tickets are \$5; free to Ramapo students. For information or to order tickets, email <u>tickets@ramapo.edu</u> or call 201-684-7844. Tickets may be purchased online at <u>www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter/performance-schedule</u>

For disability-related accommodations, please contact the Box office at 201-684-7844 two weeks in advance of event.

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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.