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Barlow Prize Award to Ramapo College Music Professor

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey Assistant Professor of Music Gilad Cohen has been named the recipient of the prestigious Barlow Prize presented by the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition at Brigham Young University. Cohen’s application was selected from 346 submissions from 31 countries. He will receive \$12,000 to compose a major new work for violin and piano in 2017.

“The Barlow Prize is unique in that it offers a series of premieres by top-notch performers alongside the generous commission,” Cohen said. “During the composition process, I always like to imagine how the performers might play each passage, thus it will be inspiring to write the new piece while taking into consideration the unique voices of the musicians who will be premiering it.”

Cohen’s music has been performed by groups such as the Brentano Quartet, the Mivos Quartet, the Israeli Chamber Project and the Nash Ensemble of London, among others.

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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 viewed as 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.