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Ramapo College Italian Club to Present Documentary 'My Grandma's American Dream'

Prize-winning filmmaker Anthony DiFranco to hold Q&A

MAHWAH, N.J. – Prize-winning documentary filmmaker Anthony DiFranco will be on hand for the screening of his film “My Grandma’s American Dream: From Italy to a New Life” on Monday, October 23 at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The event is from 3-5 p.m. in the York Room of the Birch Mansion on the College campus, and is free and open to the public.

“My Grandma’s American Dream,” a 43-minute documentary, deals with the experiences of the immigrants from southern and eastern Europe, and Italy in particular, who arrived by the millions in New York City in the 1900-1915 period, leaving more than 17 million descendants in their homeland. Their experiences in the 1920s through the 1950s, up to the 1980s are explored in this very personal film brimming with footage and images of New York City in its glory days.

DiFranco, a professor at Suffolk Community College is an award-winning filmmaker, has written, produced and directed several feature films, include prize-winning “The garden of redemption.” He also has published novels of Italian life and immigration in the early 20th century and non-fiction books about Italy.

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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.