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Ramapo College's Berrie Center Announces New 'Made in Jersey' Broadcasts

MAHWAH, N.J. -- The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the Ramapo College of New Jersey campus is pleased to announce the slate of artists for its continuing virtual series *Made in Jersey*. The next artist broadcast in the series will feature poet Michelle Myers on Thursday, February 11 at 8 p.m. The streams will be available through YouTube and are free.

Made in Jersey features a series of New Jersey based performing artists sharing new works-inprogress. After each broadcast, audiences will be able to join Lisa Campbell, Berrie Center Director, and the artist for that evening in a live chat where they can ask questions of the artists.

Michelle Myers is an award-winning poet, community activist, and educator. As a founding member of the Asian American female spoken word poetry group Yellow Rage, she was one of the first Asian American women to appear on HBO's *Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry*. In her performance memoir "Mudang Magic," Michelle Myers explores how words can hang onto grief and how memory can create a landscape of both loss and healing.

Additional slated performances include choreographer and classical Indian dancer Kiran Rajagopalan, choreographer and dancer Kyle Marshall, and singer-songwriter Alexa Marino.

Audiences can view the broadcasts on the You-Tube channel Ramapo College Berrie Center. While events are free, viewers are encouraged to consider making a gift to the Contemporary Arts Fund or the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund through the Ramapo Foundation at <u>www.ramapo.edu/give</u>

For more information and to access the broadcasts, go to: www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state's premier public liberal arts college and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding. The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by College Choice, has been named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondeNast Traveler*, and is recognized as a top college by *U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger's*, Princeton Review and *Money* magazine, among others. Ramapo College is also distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by CollegesofDistinction.com, boasts the best campus housing in New Jersey on Niche.com, and is designated a "Military Friendly College" in Victoria Media's *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, data science, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to master's degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice.