



**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

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## **Ramapo College's Berrie Center for the Arts Presents Tony Winner LaChanze**

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Broadway icon LaChanze and her band perform at the Berrie Center for the Arts at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Saturday, October 8 at 8 p.m. for a concert full of her Tony award winning show hits and much more.

LaChanze is a vibrant Broadway star with a career that has spanned thirty-one seasons. Her work reflects her desire to bring complex and powerful women to life. She won a Tony award for her work as Celie in "The Color Purple" and earned nominations for her roles as Ti Moune in "Once on This Island" and, most recently, Wilettia in Alice Childress' play "Trouble in Mind." More memorable stage performances include "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical", "A Christmas Carol", "The Secret Life of Bees", among others. Her TV and film work ranges from "Handel's Messiah Rocks: A Joyful Noise," for which she earned an Emmy award, to "The Help" to Disney's "Hercules."

The Berrie Center for the Arts is a community resource generously funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Events are open to the public with discounts for children 17 and under and they offer easy access and free parking. For exact event information and to purchase tickets, please visit [ramapo.edu/berriecenter](http://ramapo.edu/berriecenter).

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### **About Ramapo College**

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 comprehensive college is situated among the beautiful Ramapo Mountains, is within commuting distance to New York City, was named one of the 50

Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondeNast Traveler*, and boasts the best on-campus housing in New Jersey per Niche.com.

Ramapo College provides its students with individualized attention, mentorship, and supports; hands-on learning; and a range of opportunities for service and leadership development. Its graduation and retention rates exceed national averages and it places approximately 1,000 students per year in internships in New York City. The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by *College Choice*; is recognized as the state's top college on the list of Best Disability Schools by *Great Value Colleges*; is designated a "Military Friendly College" in *Victoria Media's Guide to Military Friendly Schools*; and is recognized as a top college by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, *Princeton Review* and *Money* magazine, among others.

Ramapo College's over 40,000 alumni are the confident, intellectually curious, self-aware, and humble people who are highly sought after and who make a positive impact at local, national, and global levels. Ramapo College is distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by *CollegesofDistinction.com*. Every student at Ramapo is enrolled in its unique and award winning Pathways Program which equips and empowers students, across the continuum of their academic career, to secure internships, pursue graduate/professional school, and/or enter the job market.

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, Applied Mathematics, Business Administration, Contemporary Instructional Design, Computer Science, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a Doctor of Nursing Practice.