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The Shows Must Go On: Ramapo College Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts
Receives NJ State Council on the Arts Grant

Mahwah, NJ- Thanks to a generous New Jersey State Council on the Arts grant, the Ramapo College of New Jersey <u>Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts</u> is positioned to deliver a diverse range of shows through its **Arch Performances** series for the upcoming 2024-2025 year for the public and campus communities to enjoy.

"The investment made in our state's artists and organizations has a direct, positive impact on New Jersey residents, families, businesses, and communities," said **Acting Governor Tahesha Way**, who oversees the Council in her role as Secretary of State.

The <u>Arch Performances</u> series brings about ten shows each year to New Jersey and the metro area, providing a wide variety of entertainment for all ages that is open to the public. "As we enter our 25th year of operation, we have a renewed vision of bringing a diversity of quality performing artists while providing meaningful outreach to underserved school students and local shelters," said Berrie Center director Lisa Campbell. "We are honored by the trust instilled in us from the Council that will allow us to build opportunities in the arts for all citizens."

The \$52,800 award is part of the <u>statewide grants appropriation</u> to support more than 900 arts organizations, projects, and artists throughout New Jersey.

The <u>New Jersey State Council on the Arts</u>, established in 1966, is part of the NJ Department of State and works alongside the National Endowment for the Arts. The Council's mission is to promote public interest in the arts, increase resources for the arts, support artistic freedom, and ensure art is included in every public building in New Jersey.

For more information about the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts and Arch Performances, visit <u>ramapo.edu/berriecenter</u>.

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## About Ramapo College 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



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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. 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.