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Ramapo College Vocal Ensemble Performs at Lincoln Center

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We've all heard the old joke:

Question: How do you get to Carnegie Hall?

Answer: Practice, Practice, Practice

Putting a modern twist on the joke:

Question: How do you get to Lincoln Center?

Answer: First stop at Ramapo College of New Jersey



Ramapo College of New Jersey's vocal ensemble CantaNOVA recently participated in a special event at David Geffren Hall (formerly Avery Fisher Hall) at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. Led by Director Dr. Lisa Lutter, CantaNOVA was invited to join other area choristers to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International, a choir of distinction. The concert and three-day immersion experience highlighted the music of renowned composer Eric Whitacre who led the experience.

Twenty-one voices – 15 current students and six alumni – participated in the event, which featured 11 works by Whitacre. Sophomore Jesse Hann performed a baritone solo in a piece titled "Cloudburst" which was Whitacre's first big success and remains one of his most celebrated works, according to Dr. Lutter.

CantaNOVA performs mostly a cappella and contemporary music but also enjoys other styles including classical, jazz and more. The mixed-voice ensemble performs throughout the region.

"CantaNOVA received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers as well as the exceptional quality of their audition recording,"

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said Dr. Jonathan Griffith, artistic director and principal conductor for Distinguished Concerts International New York City (DCINY). “These wonderful musicians not only represent a high quality of music and education, but also become ambassadors for the entire community.”