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**EXPANDED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT  
BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**(March 19, 2008) BETHEL, NY** - Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has announced a full range of rewarding volunteer opportunities for 2008. Members of the local community who are interested in being a part of the exciting season at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and would enjoy providing support during concerts, serving in the new Museum at Bethel Woods, or assisting with educational and administrative activities are encouraged to become a volunteer.

"Our volunteer program offers an amazing way for individuals to become active in their community and the arts, while enriching the quality of life in Sullivan County and the surrounding areas", says Darlene Fedun, Senior Director of External Affairs.

Volunteers have contributed to the success of Bethel Woods since its opening in 2006, playing a critical role during the busy summer concert season, during the fall Harvest Festival, and will now assist with The Museum at Bethel Woods up to ten months per year. In 2007 approximately 60 volunteers provided more than 3,000 hours of service in a variety of roles. Currently, there are many opportunities available: in Guest Relations serving as a Greeter, providing guest assistance at performances and special events, assisting ushers during concerts, in The Museum at Bethel Woods as a gallery assistant and at the Welcome Desk, and in an office environment helping administration with the volunteer office and with the Friends program.

Volunteers are needed seasonally and on a year-round basis, with an average commitment of eight to twenty hours per month. Orientation and training are provided to all volunteers. Mid career adults and retirees have made up the majority of Bethel Woods volunteers, however, anyone over the age of sixteen with an interest in community service and the arts is encouraged to get involved.

"Bethel Woods was envisioned to serve the community in many different ways, obviously to entertain, but also to raise awareness, exposure and involvement with the arts, and the rich history of our region. Our volunteer program provides an opportunity for members of the community to become truly involved in supporting the vision of Bethel Woods, and we will continue to develop additional opportunities to become a part of the Bethel Woods family," adds Peter Lane, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Information about the Bethel Woods Volunteer Program is available online at [www.bethelwoodslive.org/support](http://www.bethelwoodslive.org/support) or by contacting the Volunteer Office at 845 295 2626.

**ABOUT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The mission of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is to present compelling programs from the arts that educate, entertain and engage audiences of all ages, to institute community outreach and education and improve the quality of life and vitality of the Sullivan County region. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is located approximately 90 minutes from New York City at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival in Bethel, NY. The 15,000-seat outdoor performing arts venue and the soon-to-be-opened Museum at Bethel Woods are set within 2,000 bucolic acres. The main pavilion covers 4,500 seats with another 10,500 on a natural sloping lawn while offering unique backdrops including the original festival site and the majesty of the surrounding Sullivan County countryside. The venue presents a diverse selection of popular artists, a range of orchestral performances, community events and music and arts educational opportunities. By providing artists with the opportunity to perform on one of music's most legendary grounds, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is committed to being a world-class cultural destination.

In addition, The Museum at Bethel Woods slated to open in June 2008 will further embed this arts campus as one of the landmark sites in New York State. [www.bethelwoodscenter.org](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org)