



## BETHEL WOODS ANNOUNCES FIRST CONFIRMED CONCERTS OF 2008 SEASON

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**BETHEL, NY (March 05, 2008)** -- Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the first of many marquee concert events scheduled for the 2008 season. These initial five world-class concerts at the Pavilion Stage represent the first of many exciting performances to be held during the third season at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Grammy award winning singer and songwriter **Cyndi Lauper** is confirmed to perform on Saturday, June 14. Cyndi will bring her superstar friends and popular hits from the 1980s that still resonate today to the Bethel Woods Pavilion stage. Special guests include the new wave rock band **The B-52s**, R&B chart-topper **Deborah Cox**, gutsy Canadian rock band **The Cliks**, popular break out TV host Carson Kressley and the always-lively Rosie O'Donnell.

The following weekend, Saturday, June 21, Bethel Woods presents **Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band**. For more than a decade, Ringo and the All-Starr Band have been pleasing crowds with memorable rock-and-roll hits played by some of rock royalty's most famous, supremely talented, musical performers. The 2008 All-Starr band line-up includes Colin Hay, Billy Squier, Hamish Stuart, Edgar Winter, Gary Wright and Gregg Bissonette on drums.

The **New York Philharmonic** is scheduled to perform on Saturday, June 28. An extremely popular Bethel Woods summer tradition, this will be the third appearance for the world's most prestigious symphony orchestra. As a bookend to this appearance, Bethel Woods is pleased to confirm the return of the **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra** with Keith Lockhart conducting on Friday, August 22. Both performances will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display.

On Sunday, June 29, Bethel Woods is proud to present **Chicago & The Doobie Brothers** in concert. The words and music presented by these legendary bands is an interesting blend of pop, rock and R&B, with the ever-present under story of their artfully blended harmonies.

Additional performance announcements are scheduled for early April.

For a complete list of events and Friends packages, please visit [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org).

**About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts:** Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is 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 are set within nearly 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. Other venues at the center include a 1,000-seat Terrace Stage, 370-seat indoor Events Gallery, the Harvest Festival craft and farmers' market and the original Woodstock site, which holds a permit for 30,000 concertgoers to attend major musical events. The arts center's purpose is to improve the quality of life in Sullivan County and the surrounding

region by promoting economic development in our region through arts, education, and culture at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Scheduled for a summer 2008 opening, The Museum at Bethel Woods explores the unique experience of the Woodstock Festival, its significance as the culminating event of a decade of radical cultural transformation, and the legacies of the Sixties and Woodstock today. Through personal stories and profiles, immersive multi-media exhibit displays and experiences, engaging programs, and educational events, The Museum will encourage inter-generational dialogue about important ideas and issues relevant to today. It will also help preserve the historic site on which the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair took place. The Museum at Bethel Woods is an impressive facility with over 10,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space, a special exhibit gallery, event space and museum retail store.

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