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VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR THE MUSEUM AT BETHEL WOODS

Scheduled for May 24, 2008

(April 21, 2008) BETHEL, NY – The Museum at Bethel Woods invites interested members of the community to join their volunteer program by attending a volunteer training session, scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The session will be held at The Museum at Bethel Woods, on Hurd Road in Bethel, NY. New volunteers will have the opportunity to tour The Museum, learn about the role of volunteers in the Main Exhibit Gallery and Museum Theater, as well as associated policies and procedures.

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

Museum volunteers are needed seven days per week for 3.5 hour shifts between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will assist staff and visitors to enhance the educational experience in The Museum. 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.

The Museum at Bethel Woods is an integral part of the larger Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, which houses multiple concert and performance venues, as well as the historic festival "bow!" of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. The Museum explores the unique experience of the 1969 Woodstock festival, its significance as a culminating event of a transformational decade, and the ongoing legacy of the 1960s and Woodstock. Through personal stories, profiles, immersive multi-media exhibits, engaging programs and educational events, The Museum will encourage inter-generational dialogue about important ideas and issues relevant to today. The Museum will also help to preserve the historic site on which the 1969 Woodstock festival took place.

Information about the volunteering at the Museum at Bethel Woods or Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is available online at www.bethelwoodslive.org/support/volunteer 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 June 2, 2008 will further embed this arts campus as one of the premier sites in New York State. www.bethelwoodscenter.org