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**BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTED WITH
ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU AWARD**

Youth Education Program Expands for 2008 Season

(June 10, 2008) BETHEL, NY – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has been awarded the Orange County Youth Bureau's Asset Builder/Outstanding Business Community Partner Award at the annual County Executive Youth Bureau Awards Luncheon, held on June 6th at Brookside Manor in Middletown, New York.

In August 2007, Bethel Woods hosted "Youth At Jazz", a unique demonstration and interpretive "jam" session where area students were invited to hear professional musicians, and also play *with* them. James Emery and the String Trio of New York conducted a multi-faceted lecture, demonstration and discussion about their music, their origins, touring, and recording. Members of the Orange County Youth Leadership Academy joined the Liberty High School Jazz Ensemble and the Goshen Youth Jazz Band for this exceptional event.

Following the dynamic presentation, the young jazz musicians performed for arriving concert guests, and were then treated to a meal, and the evening's Pavilion performance featuring the Dave Brubeck Quartet, Randy Crawford & Joe Sample and Earl Klugh.

The Orange County Youth Bureau was founded in 1978, and provides funding, planning, coordination of services, resources and referrals. The Youth Bureau's mission is proactive, in advocating for ALL youth and their families by developing and funding programs and services that promote healthy and positive youth development.

This season, Bethel Woods' youth education program has been expanded to three special performances which will offer an interactive and educational opportunity for groups of children aged 6 to 12 years. 250 to 300 children from local community groups, schools and camps will be invited to attend each performance.

- July 18 - 10:30am at the Terrace Stage - **The Klezmatiks**, a Grammy Award-winning world music ensemble and superstars of the klezmer world will present a "History of Yiddish Music." They have made a career out of breaking down musical barriers, fully embracing klezmer and their Jewishness, while using these same essential spiritual, historical, and cultural foundations as a springboard to ambitious new musical hybrids.
- July 24 - 10:30am at the Terrace Stage - **Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience**, one of Louisiana's most respected Creole cultural ambassadors, will present "Creole for Kids and The History of Zydeco." He raises the standard for his genre by establishing himself as a formidable songwriter and astonishing singer, evoking comparisons to Sam

Cooke and Aaron Neville, while also increasing awareness of Creole culture with a collection of original songs for family listening.

- August 22 – 2:00pm at the Pavilion Festival Plaza – **Youth at Pops** will feature a workshop and performance by two groups of local student musicians prior to the evening appearance by the Boston Pops. The program will include a multi-faceted lecture, demonstration and discussion about their music, origins, touring and recording. Generous support is again provided by the Suehnholz Family for this year's program.

If you are interested in your school or organization being a part of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' youth education programs, please contact Elaine Muscara at 845-295-2446 or emuscara@BethelWoodsCenter.org.