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**PRESERVING ALL THAT JAZZ AT  
BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
*Arts Under the Stars Series*

**(July 16, 2008) BETHEL, NY** – The New Orleans jazz scene is world renowned. From pioneers such as Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino, jazz lies at the heart of this musical city. Don't miss the band that embodies this notion of traditional jazz, at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' Event Gallery on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band derives its name from Preservation Hall, the venerable music venue founded in 1961 by Allan and Sandra Jaffe in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter. The band has traveled worldwide spreading their mission to nurture and perpetuate New Orleans Jazz. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band seeks to preserve music which evolved in New Orleans, and bring it to contemporary audiences.

The PHJB began touring in 1963 and for many years there were several bands successfully touring under the name Preservation Hall. Many of the band's charter members performed with the pioneers who invented jazz in the early twentieth century including Buddy Bolden, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, and Bunk Johnson. Bandleaders over the band's history include the brothers Willie and Percy Humphrey, husband and wife Billie and De De Pierce, famed pianist Sweet Emma Barrett, and in the modern day Wendall and John Brunious. These founding artists and dozens of others passed on the lessons of their music to a younger generation who now follow in their footsteps like the current lineup.

Under the auspices of current director, Ben Jaffe, the son of founders Allan and Sandra, Preservation Hall continues with a deep reverence and consciousness of its greatest attributes in the modern day as a venue, band, and record label. Current bandleader and trumpeter John Brunious brings his magical jazz to the stage this summer. Tickets are \$25 and the show begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30pm.

The debut season of *Arts Under the Stars* is presented by The Chapin Estate. This series was designed to bring the community together in a stylish setting, for a high quality, affordable and primarily mid-week arts series. Tickets are on sale now at [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org), by phone (845) 454-3388, at all Ticketmaster outlets, and in-person at the Bethel Woods box office. Parking is free.

For a complete list of events or to learn about becoming a Friend of Bethel Woods and the exclusive benefits associated with membership, please visit [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org).

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**ABOUT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Set within 2,000 bucolic acres in Sullivan County, New York, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is a world-class cultural destination, dedicated to bringing diverse, high quality performing arts and educational programs to the region. The not-for-profit Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' mission is to present compelling programs that educate, entertain and engage audiences of all ages, to improve the quality of life in Sullivan County. Located approximately 90 miles from New York City at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival in Bethel, N.Y., Bethel Woods offers unique backdrops including the original festival site and the majesty of the surrounding countryside. It features a Pavilion Stage with 4,500 seats under cover and another 10,000 on a natural sloping lawn; the Terrace Stage, a 1,000 seat roman-style amphitheater; and a 300 seat Events Gallery, which present a diverse selection popular artists, orchestral performances, community events, and music and arts education opportunities. The Museum at Bethel Woods will serve as an educational facility and tourist destination which explores the unique American experiences of the 1960s and the role of the Woodstock festival through a multimedia extrasensory kaleidoscope of music, images, exhibits and artifacts. For more information, please visit [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org).

**ABOUT THE CHAPIN ESTATE**

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reservoirs, a private trout fishing stream and miles of hiking trails which are also suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding. The Chapin Estate also adjoins more than 13,000 acres of forever wild forestlands owned by the State of New York. The Chapin Estate homes are specifically designed and built to reflect the owners' unique lifestyle and personal desires, while accentuating the natural beauty and balance with its setting. Located just two hours from New York City, The Chapin Estate provides an "Adirondack experience" all year long, offering amenities including a membersonly Lake Club and a community exclusive Concierge Service. For more information please contact The Chapin Estate at (866) 5834900 or visit [www.ChapinEstate.com](http://www.ChapinEstate.com).