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## THE MUSEUM AT BETHEL WOODS PRESENTS BACK TO THE GARDEN WITH PETE FORNATALE ON TUESDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

**June 24, 2009 BETHEL, N.Y.** – On July 21, 2009, the 40th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon, The Museum at Bethel Woods will present a unique author's presentation with FM radio DJ Pete Fornatale.

Created specifically for The Museum, Pete will share his insider's insights on the Woodstock festival and the Sixties, with readings from his new book, *Back To The Garden: The Story of Woodstock and How it Changed a Generation*, audio clips of his Woodstock interviews, and unique graphic and video highlights. The show begins at 6:00pm at The Museum at Bethel Woods Events Gallery and will be followed by a book signing at 7:30pm. Seating is limited to the first 200 guests, and admission is free.

FM radio DJ Pete Fornatale is an award-winning broadcaster who has been a fixture on the New York City radio scene for the past forty years. He first became popular on the iconic WNEW-FM in the late Sixties and can currently be heard in the New York City area on WFUV-FM and nationally on XM Satellite Radio featuring his show "Mixed Bag".

Pete is also an author of many books, including *Simon and Garfunkel's Bookends*. Using the best of his own interviews with Woodstock performers and insiders as well as the archives of The Museum at Bethel Woods, Pete's new book, *Back To The Garden: The Story of Woodstock and How it Changed a Generation*, celebrates the music and spirit of Woodstock. Covering all the performers, including Crosby, Stills and Nash, Richie Havens, Joan Baez, the Grateful Dead, The Who, and Jimi Hendrix, Fornatale contributes new stories to the legendary event and sets the record straight on some common misperceptions.

"Pete Fornatale is a great music historian and one of the best broadcasters in America. *Back to the Garden* actually made me feel like I attended Woodstock myself. I recommend it highly." – Brian Wilson, musician and co-founder of the Beach Boys

Situated at the site of the historic Woodstock festival in Bethel, N.Y., The Museum at Bethel Woods explores the unique experience of the 1969 festival, its significance as a culminating event of a transformational decade, and the ongoing legacy of the 1960s and Woodstock.

More information on the exhibit, The Museum, and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woodstock festival can be found at [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org).

**About The Museum at Bethel Woods and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts:**

The Museum is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational corporation, which is dedicated to the study and exhibition of the social, political and cultural events of the 1960s, including the Woodstock Festival, and the legacies of those times. The Museum is located on lands owned by the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Sullivan County and the surrounding region by promoting economic development and interest in the region through arts, education and culture. For more information on The Museum at Bethel Woods, or Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, please visit [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org). Follow The Museum at Bethel Woods on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Museum at Bethel Woods is an integral part of the larger Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, a \$100 million outdoor performing arts center and complex. Set within 2,000 bucolic acres in Sullivan County, 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. It features a Pavilion Stage with 4,500 seats under cover and another 10,500 on a natural sloping lawn; the Terrace Stage, a 1,000 seat Roman-style amphitheater; and within The Museum building, a 300-seat Events Gallery, all of which present a diverse selection of popular artists, orchestral performances, community events, music, and arts education opportunities. The Museum Shop features a great selection of Sixties and Woodstock-inspired gift items; The Shop is open during museum hours, and online shopping is available all year at [ShopBethelWoods.com](http://ShopBethelWoods.com).

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