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HOLIDAY AND ME MUSIC AND ARTS WORKSHOP

Celebrate the holiday season with your child at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

[November 4, 2009] BETHEL, NY – On Saturday, December 12th, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and The Janice Center will present a “Holiday and Me” music and arts workshop in the Event Gallery at The Museum at Bethel Woods.

This “Holiday and Me” workshop will provide a day for kids and parents to truly make holiday music together. First, all participants will actually make their own instruments – drums, shakers, maracas, etc. using typical craft materials. Then they will use their creations to make the sounds of holiday music while participating in a music circle that features dancing, singing, playing and more. The music circle approach is designed to introduce and/or cultivate musical and artistic interests in preschoolers through fourth graders.

Directed by Tanya Cohen of The Janice Center with assistance from master craftswoman Linda Steiger, two workshops will be offered on December 12th. A program for children ages 0 to 4 years will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., followed by one from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. for children ages 5 to 9 years old.

“The ‘Holiday and Me’ workshop is another collaboration between The Janice Center and Bethel Woods which brings children, parents and the arts together,” said Cohen. “We just want to offer children as many opportunities as we can to explore their creativity and tap into their natural artistic instincts.”

According to Elaine Muscara, Community Outreach Coordinator at Bethel Woods, “We are very pleased to partner with The Janice Center to continue to bring one of a kind programming to our community that introduces music to children at an early age, and to provide parents the opportunity to experience music and the arts together with their child in a fun and interactive way.”

The cost is \$24.00 per child and includes all materials for the workshop. Register for the class by phone at (845) 482-3324, download a registration form at www.janicecenter.com, or visit The Janice Center studio in Jeffersonville. For more information about Bethel Woods, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org. Class size is limited to provide the highest quality experience, so register today.

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About The Janice Center:

The Janice Center is a new 2,800 square-foot facility in Jeffersonville devoted to learning music, dance, art, theater, yoga and more. It was built with a simple premise in mind – to provide children (and adults) of remote, rural areas the same opportunities to learn and appreciate the arts as those who live in metropolitan areas.

Whether it's musical instrument instruction in piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, violin and viola, beginner drums; Music Together® programs for introducing music to children 0-5; dance classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop or ballroom; art, theater, karate or yoga, The Janice Center is a home for anyone who has an interest in learning any of the arts.

With more than 20 years in music and art education, The Janice Center has carefully selected a diverse group of talented instructors to conduct the various programs. The facility is specially designed to teach the arts with separate rooms for individual instruction and two main ballrooms for large class programs as well as recitals, seminars and workshops. There is even a waiting room with television and complimentary cookies so parents can wait comfortably for their kids.

The mission of The Janice Center is to provide first-class instruction in the arts in a friendly, family-oriented facility built to do so.

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

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, a \$100 million outdoor performing arts center and complex is set within 2,000 bucolic acres in Sullivan County. This world-class cultural destination 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. 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; The Museum at Bethel Woods, and within the museum building, a 400-seat Event Gallery, all of which present a diverse selection of popular artists, orchestral performances, community events, music and arts education opportunities.

The Museum 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. Special exhibits are rotated throughout the season to provide additional insight into the decade. 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.

For more information on Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and The Museum at Bethel Woods, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org. Follow the Center and The Museum on Facebook and Twitter.

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