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## **BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES B.B. KING WITH BUDDY GUY ON AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**(March 23, 2009) BETHEL, NY** – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is proud to present **B.B. King with special guest Buddy Guy** on Thursday, August 27, for an 8:00 p.m. Pavilion Stage concert.

Reserved ticket prices are \$70.00, \$50.00 and \$35.00 for this intimate pavilion only concert. General admission parking is free. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m., with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. and parking at 6:00 p.m. Tickets **go on sale to the general public Monday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.** at [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org), the Bethel Woods Box Office, Ticketmaster, or by phone 1-800-745-3000. The Bethel Woods Box Office will be open on Monday, March 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more than half a century, **B.B. King** has defined the blues for a worldwide audience. Over the years, he has developed one of the world's most identifiable guitar styles, borrowed from Blind Lemon Jefferson, T-Bone Walker and others. In the mid-1950s, while B.B. was performing, two men got into a fight over a woman named Lucille and ended up setting the hall he was playing at on fire. Ever since, each one of B.B.'s trademark Gibson guitars has been called Lucille, to remind him never to fight over a woman.

At age 76, **B.B. King** is still light on his feet, singing and playing the blues with relentless passion. The Grammy Award-winner, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and Blues Foundation Hall of Fame inductee, continues to tour extensively, averaging over 250 concerts per year around the world. Classics such as "Payin' The Cost To Be The Boss," "The Thrill Is Gone," "How Blue Can You Get," "Everyday I Have The Blues," and "Why I Sing The Blues" are concert staples.

Any discussion of **Buddy Guy** invariably involves a recitation of his colossal musical resume and hard-earned accolades. He's a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a chief guitar influence to rock titans like Hendrix, Clapton, Beck, and Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound, and a living link to that city's halcyon days of electric blues. Just this year, Buddy appeared on the big screen nationwide with a show-stopping performance in Martin Scorsese's Rolling Stones concert film, *Shine A Light*. And now, the release of *Skin Deep* an album of all original material, with guest appearances from fellow guitar wizards Eric Clapton, Robert Randolph, Susan Tedeschi, and Derek Trucks adds yet another dimension to this master's legendary career.

Members of the **Bethel Woods Friends** program have a pre-sale opportunity beginning on March 24. For more information on becoming a Friend of Bethel Woods, please visit <http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/support.aspx>.

All concert attendees can add a ticket for The Museum at Bethel Woods, purchase premium parking which is available at \$20 per car and located in lot D or rent a lawn chair online in advance when ordering concert tickets.

Even better, save on gas and hassle by taking advantage of the Big V Entertainment Park & Ride from the Monticello Casino and Raceway, or travel roundtrip on Coach USA | Shortline bus service from New York City's Port Authority, Ridgewood, NJ Park & Ride, or the Middletown, NY Shortline Terminal. Roundtrip fares are \$16 to \$49 per person. Visit [BethelWoodsCenter.org](http://BethelWoodsCenter.org) for more information and to purchase bus tickets.

Situated at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, New York, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will present a season-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the historic festival with concerts, special events and museum programs that embrace the legacy of the Sixties and Woodstock.

More details about the upcoming season will be announced in the coming weeks, but fans can expect a diverse musical offering including world-class artists in the rock, pop, country and classical genres, as well as special exhibits, films and lecture series at The Museum at Bethel Woods. To be among the first to hear, sign up for the E-Club at [www.bethelwoodscenter.org](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org) or text CONCERT to 38714 on your mobile phone.

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**About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts:**

The mission of the not-for-profit Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is to present compelling programs that educate, entertain and engage audiences of all ages, to improve the quality of life and the vitality of our 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 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.

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