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**BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES  
"EXPERIENCE THE ARTS" ACCESS PROGRAM**

*Provides Access to Cultural Events for Organizations and Community Groups*

**(April 2, 2009) BETHEL, NY** – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the new *Experience the Arts* Access Program. This program will enable qualified community and civic groups within the region the ability to access complimentary lawn tickets to certain performances, selected by Bethel Woods. Organizations and community groups who are interested in being a part of this exciting season at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are encouraged to apply.

Darlene Fedun, Chief Operating Officer at Bethel Woods said, "The *Experience the Arts* Access Program furthers Bethel Woods mission to enrich the quality of life of individuals in the region through educational and entertaining programming." "It is our hope that these opportunities enable community members to enjoy programs that they might not otherwise have had access to, are inspired, and develop an appreciation for the arts through their experience."

Organizations must make a commitment to utilize the tickets for the purpose of this program which is to benefit non-profit groups whose program participants would otherwise be unable to attend an event at Bethel Woods or serve as an educational tool to further a specific program or lesson. *Bethel Woods reserves the right to determine ticket distribution based on eligibility and availability.*

Full details about the *Experience the Arts* Access Program and instructions to apply for qualification are available at [www.BethelWoodsCenter.org/community.aspx](http://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org/community.aspx) or by contacting Elaine Muscara at 845.295.2446.

Situated at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival in Bethel, New York, Bethel Woods will present a season-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the historic festival with concerts, lectures and museum events that embrace the legacy of the Sixties and Woodstock. Details about the Bethel Woods 2009 concert season will be announced throughout the coming months, but fans can expect a diverse musical offering including world-class artists in rock, pop, country and other genres.

**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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