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KEEPIN' OLD-TIME MUSIC ALIVE AT THIS YEAR'S MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

BETHEL, NY (September 5, 2008) – Harvest Festival is pleased to announce that the second annual Mountain Music Festival on September 14 will be a celebration of traditional and acoustic music from Sullivan County and the Catskills. The program, hosted by Jeff Anzevino of the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association will feature performances by:

11:15 - Breakneck Annie
12:30 - Biodiesel Band
1:45 - North Country
3:00 - Mike Baglione & Friends with special guest Larry Packer (fiddle)
3:30 - Bluegrass Jam (bring your instruments!)

Workshops presented will include Bluegrass Guitar with Larry Mandon; Clawhammer Banjo with Bob Bell; Mandolin Madness with Wayne Fugate; Harmony Singing with Anne Loeb and Kid's Guitar Workshop with Larry Kitzmiller.

Local author Malachy McCourt will sign copies of her novels *History of Ireland*, *Voices of Ireland*, and *Claddagh Ring*.

Activities held for the little ones in the Children's Area will include play hut tents with Nana's House, projects with Citizens Reunited to Overcome Cancer (CROC) and creating musical instruments with Matt Sherman. In addition, there will be an exhibition of handmade guitars by Jeff Babicz of Babicz Guitars USA, a violin making demonstration by Jim Willacker of Vintage Stringed Instruments and Repair, and an information booth from the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association.

The Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods occurs every Sunday from 11am – 4pm through Columbus Day weekend, rain or shine. Located approximately 90 minutes from New York City at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is the perfect day trip or weekend getaway. Admission and parking are free. Harvest Festival attendees can also add a ticket and visit The Museum at Bethel Woods, which explores the 60's and Woodstock, and make a full day of their visit.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of The Harvest Festival, an annual event celebrating the bounty, talent, and beauty of Sullivan County and the region. In ten years, the festival has grown from a small farmer's market with a handful of vendors and a few guest musicians who provided background music, to a full festival featuring close to 100 vendors each week as part of the farmer's market, craft village and festival food areas. The Festival also presents special events and live performances, a children's area

with enrichment activities that include arts and crafts as well as corn and hay mazes, pony rides, "gathering of the scarecrows" and more.

A sense of community is reflected throughout the Harvest Festival. The corn and hay mazes are operated by local volunteer organizations that are able to benefit from this fundraising opportunity, as well as the chance to share information about their group and possibly recruit new volunteers. The Children's Area features various activities each week that are presented by community organizations, providing an opportunity to educate others about their mission.

The 10th anniversary season of the Harvest Festival is presented by The Chapin Estate and supported by the Gerry Foundation, as well as event day sponsors; A&J Hometown Oil, Inc., Catskill Regional Medical Center and M&M Auto Group who share the same commitment to the community and regional economic development.

The Harvest Festival schedule is as follows, for more information please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org

September 21	Earth Day in Autumn (sponsored by A&J Hometown Oil, Inc.)
September 28	The Ag Experience
October 5	Cajun Festival
October 12	Chili Cook-Off (sponsored by M&M Auto Group)

About The Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods:

The Harvest Festival is one of several programs that reflect the commitment to community that serves as the fundamental mission of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The festival reflects our mission to support sustainability and continued regional economic development through this annual commitment to provide a venue for our local farmers, artisans, community organizations and businesses. A visit to the Festival offers the opportunity for people to gather and form relationships in ways that are absent from traditional retail/buyer transactions. We connect local and regional growers and artisans with the community and provide an opportunity for shoppers to buy local and support a regional economy. The benefit of being able to interact with the hard working families who produce and harvest their food and the thrill of watching artisans create their wares keeps Festival goers coming back week after week; year after year. The grown and harvested food and crafted items are acts of personal inspiration, and the festival offers visitors the opportunity to learn more about this process and to better appreciate and understand its value.

About The Chapin Estate

The 2,500± acre Chapin Estate encompasses hundreds of acres of unspoiled wilderness, including two boating and fishing 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 members only Lake Club and a community exclusive Concierge Service. For more information please contact The Chapin Estate at (866) 5834900 or visit www.ChapinEstate.com.