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MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CONCERT PART OF YOUR NEXT BIG EVENT AT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(July 31, 2008) BETHEL, NY – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has become known for its top quality performances, beautiful grounds, breathtaking views, and excellent customer service. But its most unique attribute may be in creating a custom experience for a special event or group outing.

Local Middletown couple, Tom Farrell and Lea Applebee had a unique idea when planning their upcoming nuptials. Hoping to include some of their favorite music and a beautiful location, the bride to be approached Jodi Kane, Bethel Woods Group Sales Manager about holding their small wedding at Bethel Woods. That dream is about to become a reality, as the couple will tie the knot just before the August 3rd Hippiefest concert, complete with retro favors from The Museum Shop. The ceremony will be held on the lawn with a small group of friends and family, and followed by a casual and fun reception, before the whole group celebrates with the sounds of the 1960s during the concert.

So why did the couple choose Bethel Woods, said Lea and Tom, “We looked at a traditional wedding, with a DJ, music...but this was not the first marriage for either of us. We decided on an unconventional wedding, casual and with family and friends. We had been to several Bethel Woods concerts before, and loved the venue. We loved the era of “peace” and “love” and were disappointed we missed the first Woodstock. So we thought it would be a hoot if we got married at Hippiefest at Bethel Woods.”

Said Jodi Kane, “I am honored and thrilled to have been a part of this truly unique event. This event is casual yet unforgettable. I mean, who else can get Eric Burdon, Melanie, Jack Bruce, etc to sing at their wedding? I hope I get to do more of these events in the future, they are so emotionally rewarding. I feel like Lea and I have really forged a friendship during the whole planning process.”

Bethel Woods has quickly built a strong reputation for providing unique and enjoyable group outings for just about any group or organization. The arts center invites groups of 20 or more to use the facility for their next outing, including alumni organizations (calling class of 1968!), clubs, corporate and church groups, family reunions and more. Opportunities are endless when combined with a concert or museum visit, so let your imagination fly!

Groups always save on tickets and fees, and can also arrange for hospitality ranging from a box lunch picnic, to a top of the line catered event in one of the facility’s indoor or outdoor event spaces.

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ABOUT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Set within 2,000 bucolic acres in Sullivan County, New York, 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. The not-for-profit Bethel Woods Center for the Arts’ mission is to present compelling programs that educate, entertain and engage audiences of all ages, to improve the quality of life in Sullivan County. Located approximately 90 miles from New York City at the site of the original 1969 Woodstock Festival in Bethel, N.Y., Bethel Woods offers unique backdrops including the original festival site and the majesty of the surrounding countryside. It features a Pavilion Stage with 4,500 seats under cover and another 10,000 on a natural sloping lawn; the Terrace Stage, a 1,000 seat roman-style amphitheater; and a 300 seat Events Gallery, which present a diverse selection popular artists, orchestral performances, community events, and music and arts education opportunities. Opening June 2, 2008, The Museum at Bethel Woods will serve as an educational facility and tourist destination

which explores the unique American experiences of the 1960s and the role of the Woodstock festival through a multimedia extrasensory kaleidoscope of music, images, exhibits and artifacts. For more information, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

ABOUT THE CHAPIN ESTATE

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