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BETHEL WOODS TO HOST 20TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fall Favorite Returns Sunday, September 2 through September 30

BETHEL, NY (August 20, 2018): Bethel Woods Center for the Arts warmly welcomes guests near and far to celebrate the return of autumn by attending the **20th Annual Harvest Festival**, taking place every **Sunday in September from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, at the corner of Hurd and West Shore Road in Bethel, New York.

The Harvest Festival highlights the bounty and talent of both Sullivan County and the surrounding areas. It is free, family-friendly environment features more than 100 vendors, including craft, farm and agriculture, beer, wine, spirits and food. The yearly event illustrates Bethel Woods' steadfast dedication to supporting regional economic development by giving homegrown organizations and businesses the chance to highlight their products as they connect with their community. Offerings also include a creative learning tent, live music, corn and hay mazes, and horse and buggy rides.

Admission to the Harvest Festival is FREE and Parking is \$3.00. Parking lots open at 10:30 a.m. Pets are not permitted on the grounds.

Plus, start off your day with a family-style Farm-to-Table Brunch on Sunday, September 2nd and 9th beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Market Sheds, presented by Bethel Woods' own Executive Chef. The menu will feature a delightful selection of dishes using ingredients sourced from local farms and a bottomless choice of either Mimosas or Bloody Marys! Separate ticket purchase is required, all ages are welcome, and seating is general admission. Tickets are on sale now at www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Sunday, September 2:

A yearly tradition, the inaugural Harvest Festival date for this year launches with the **Rosehaven Alpaca Festival**, a one-day event that features live alpacas, spinning and weaving demonstrations and a shop-able boutique.

Begin your day with a **Farm-to-Table Brunch** in the Market Sheds at 10:30 a.m.

Live Music on the Festival Stage: **Nikki Briar** (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) & **Ben Cesare Band** (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

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Creative Learning Tent: **upstART**--Use recycled materials to invent something!

Sunday, September 9:

Begin your day with a **Farm-to-Table Brunch** in the Market Sheds at 10:30 a.m.

Live Music on the Festival Stage: **Talking Machine** (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) & **Marc Von Em** (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

In the Creative Learning Tent: **smART**--Design your own game!

Sunday, September 16:

Spend the day with special guests - **Cornell Cooperative Extension** and their farm animal friends!

Live Music on the Festival Stage: **Delaware Valley Raptors** (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) & **Hillbilly Parade** (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Creative Learning Tent: **depARTures**--Inspired by Bethel Woods' new, outdoor installation, Doorways to Originality, use collage to create visions of new worlds!

Sunday, September 23:

Local lifestyle blog and home décor brand **The Farmhouse Project** has curated a tent filled with unique makers as a celebration of artisans from local studios.

Live Music on the Festival Stage: **The Sea The Sea** (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Creative Learning Tent: **eARTHings**--Create your perfect planet!

Sunday, September 30:

Live Music on the Festival Stage: Acts to be announced! *Presented by Bold Gold Media Group*

Creative Learning Tent: **heART**--Paint "en plein air" – outside!

From September 29-30, Bethel Woods' upper campus will be host to the **IN THE MKNG™ - THE CREATIVITY FESTIVAL**, an Association for Creative Industries (AFCI) event for people who love to DIY, create and craft. Be sure to visit the festival for a hands-on, family-friendly experience for anyone looking to have some creative fun. Tickets to IN THE MKNG™ are sold separately and can be purchased here. For a \$2 discount, use code: **BWMKNG18**

Generous support for the 2018 Harvest Festival is provided by Catskill Regional Medical Center, Roscoe Beer Company and Rosehaven Alpacas.

For more information about Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org. Be sure to download the Bethel Woods App for up-to-date information and special pre-sale codes.

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About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and humanities by presenting a diverse selection of culturally-rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 15,000, an intimate 440-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming.

Through the in-depth study and exhibition of the social, political, and cultural events of the 1960s, as well as the preservation of the historic site of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Bethel Woods educates individuals about the issues and lessons of the decade while inspiring a new generation to contribute positively to the world around them. The not-for-profit organization relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to develop and sustain programs that improve the quality of life in the region and beyond.

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