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UPCOMING BETHEL WOODS FUNDRAISER ENCOURAGES CREATIVITY & COLLABORATION

Plus, Workshops and Programs Through the Fall Designed to Inspire, Educate, and Empower

BETHEL, NY (October 5, 2018): Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the nonprofit cultural center located at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival is proud to announce a series of fun and engaging events. The change in season brings artists and novices alike the opportunity to try their hand at various creative forms and approaches while making memories with friends and family.

Believing strongly in the impact of the arts, Bethel Woods is dedicated to societal improvement through increased accessibility, understanding and appreciation of culture. Bethel Woods' creative programming offers something for everyone this October. As part of a collaboration with **Angry Orchard**, Bethel Woods is proud to present **Peace, Love + Pumpkins** on October 20 at Angry Orchard's picturesque 60-acre orchard in Walden, NY. This autumnal excursion is a day of unique pumpkin painting sessions led by experienced instructors to help guests create the perfect pumpkin masterpiece. Hour long sessions will be held from 11:00am until 7:00pm. A \$40 fee will support Bethel Woods' mission based programs, and include a pumpkin, tote bag and all supplies. The day will also feature guided tours, complimentary cider tastings and live music compliments of Angry Orchard. Peace, Love + Pumpkins is part of **Gather + Give**, a series of creatively-fueled gatherings to benefit Bethel Woods' mission to inspire, educate and empower through the arts and humanities. For tickets and to learn more visit bethelwoodscenter.org/gathergive.

On October 7, families and friends are invited to gather on the Great Lawn at Bethel Woods and in the Market Sheds for **Legends in the Sky a Stargazing Party**. This evening will teach guests how to identify constellations while sharing stories of the sky. National award-winning author Allan Wolf will reveal the secrets in the stars (as well as a preview of his forthcoming book, *The Day the Universe Exploded in My Head*). Advance purchase is strongly recommended and tickets are \$10 and advance purchase is strongly recommended. For tickets and to learn more visit bethelwoodscenter.org/stargazing.

On October 21, join us for a first ever hike and forage through the Bindy Bazaar Woods during **Thoreau Talk, Foraging Walk & Tasting**. Michael Schleifer from the Thoreau Society and Laura Silverman from the Outside Institute will lead foragers through the Bindy Bazaar Trails, showing them that "all good things are wild and free."

On October 28, **Halloween at the Woods** offers free family fun as The Museum becomes alive with games, activities, costumes and crafts and ends with a film screening of *Monsters Inc*. On the Friday before, adults are invited for costumes, cocktails and a screening of the cult classic *Young Frankenstein*.

On November 9, the 2018 Special Exhibit **Peter Max: Early Paintings** comes to life for **Think-n-Ink: Peter Max, Color, and Culture**. This evening will consist of cocktails and conversation as Artist Thomas Bosket and Bethel Woods Museum Director and Senior Curator Wade Lawrence unpack Peter Max's 1960s and reveal the hidden meanings of color and how it informs the ways we think and communicate. After the talk, guests are invited to create with Thomas Bosket for an immersive color exploration in the exhibit. The Bethel Woods grounds also feature an outdoor art installation and walking tour **Doors to Originality**, inspired by the Special Exhibit. Using Max's cosmic '60s art style as inspiration, twelve regional artists have created a series of Peter Max-inspired designs on vintage wooden doors which have been placed throughout the Bethel Woods campus. The free outdoor installation is on display until November 30 and the Special Exhibit during regular Museum hours through December 31.

Entrepreneurs Kate and Stella of **Hudson River Exchange** curate markets, workshops and community events for Hudson Valley makers and collectors. On November 15, they will host their **Group Crit** circuit at **The Conservatory** at Bethel Woods. Group Crits are monthly gatherings where people are welcome and encouraged to discuss their small business and other creative topics. This is a **free event** for people to engage with other creatives in a fusion and exchange of ideas.

For a full list of programs and to learn more please visit bethelwoodscenter.org.

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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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