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STORIES WRITTEN BY LOCAL STUDENTS COME TO LIFE AT BETHEL WOODS

Plus, More Free Community Workshops and Programs Designed to Inspire, Educate, and Empower

BETHEL, NY (October 16, 2018): On October 20, **Bethel Woods Center for the Arts'** E3: Engage. Experience. Explore. program, in association with Hurleyville Arts Centre, proudly presents **Story Pirates**. This **free** community performance takes place in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods at 11am. All are welcome to see stories written by Sullivan County elementary schoolers come to life.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the nonprofit cultural center located at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival is proud to continuously foster a community through which art is made accessible to all, with no regard for experience, prior knowledge or ability.

Story Pirates, an educational media organization dually based in New York City and Los Angeles, turn local students' original stories into wild sketch comedy musicals featuring professional actors who can show these dreamers just how amazing their ideas are. The fun-filled morning will include some of the Pirates greatest hits as well as the world premiere of sketches written by children in your community. Comedian Jon Stewart called the Story Pirates "crazy entertaining" on CNN and *The New York Times* has called them a "theatrical treasure." Many others dub it one of the best kids' shows around.

Believing strongly in the positive and lasting impact of the arts, Bethel Woods is dedicated to societal improvement through an increased understanding and appreciation of culture. Bethel Woods offers accessibility through its free creative programming.

On October 28, from 12pm-4pm, **Halloween at the Woods** will offer free family fun as The Museum at Bethel Woods becomes alive with games, activities and crafts. Activities include a family costume contest and a Monster Mash Dance Party. At 2pm a screening of *Monsters Inc.* will be shown in The Museum Theater. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$7 youth.

Next month, Bethel Woods will welcome **Soul Inscribed** to the Event Gallery stage. The New York-based, six-piece band creates a mix of Hip Hop poetics and soulful vocals, enhanced by a blend of jazz, funk and dub instrumentals. After spending a week in local schools motivating children to write more and express themselves creatively, Soul Inscribed will culminate in a **free** community performance. This program models artistic skills combined with the power of collaboration, improvisation, inclusion, expression and community contribution, to celebrate the power of music as a universal language. Soul Inscribed invites all present to join them as ambassadors for creativity, tolerance and social good.

With the exception of Monsters, Inc, all of the aforementioned events are free, but registration is encouraged for each. To sign up and view a full list of programs, 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.

For more information please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org