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The County's Voice on Mental Illness

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BETHEL WOODS WELCOMES "EVERY BRILLIANT THING" PRESENTED BY NAMI SULLIVAN COUNTY

BETHEL, NY (April 23, 2018) – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is pleased to host NAMI Sullivan County, NY, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, in their presentation of "Every Brilliant Thing." "Every Brilliant Thing" has been performed around the world and comes to Sullivan County on **Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm**, as a fundraiser and awareness raiser for NAMI Sullivan County, NY, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The performance, held in **The Event Gallery at Bethel Woods**, will kick off May being Mental Health Awareness month.

A funny and moving play, "Every Brilliant Thing" by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe is a powerful piece of theatre about Depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. After being told that her Mum can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world; everything worth living for. At seven years old, her list includes ice cream, being allowed to stay up past your bed time and things with stripes. As the little girl grows up, the entries mature along with her and as the list grows, she learns the deep significance it has on her own life.

The show shines hilarious and compassionate light in some of the darker corners of the human condition and the way in which the creators have constructed the performance is refreshingly theatrical. It's a reminder that hope is never truly lost and a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one character show, audience members are given snippets of the list to help tell the story. There are no bright lights with the audience sitting in the dark – it's an immersive experience with lights up all the way through. The audience shares in something meaningful as a room full of people becoming a community. "Every Brilliant Thing" is directed and performed by Lori Schneider who is both the Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan County, NY and has been involved in local Community Theatre for over three decades as an award-winning director and actress. She combines her passions for mental health advocacy and for theatre in bringing this important work to local audiences.

The performance is being held in the **Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts**, 200 Hurd Road in Bethel, NY on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm. Meant to be played in an intimate, "theatre in the round" setting, seating for the show is limited and general admission is \$20 which will include light refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door, but reservations are suggested. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16. All proceeds stay local and go to benefit NAMI Sullivan County, NY - earmarked for hands-on initiatives for people recovering from serious

mental illness and their families. "Every Beautiful Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

For information or to make a reservation, phone (845) 794-1029.

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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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