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THE SIXTIES MADE POSSIBLE BY COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Leaders Support Special Exhibition at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY (November 2, 2009) – As a not-for-profit, community support is essential to the success of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, which has grown its public programming, community and education initiatives, and special exhibits annually since inception.

The Museum at Bethel Woods current special exhibition, *Robert Altman's Sixties: Portrait of a Generation*, has been made possible, in part, by the generous support of Mr. Alan Kesten and Ms. Kathy Gaglio along with Dr. Monte Sachs and Ms. Stacy Cohen. Their respective gifts have already enabled nearly 2,500 music fans, history buffs, families, baby boomers, school groups, regional residents and travelers to enjoy this exhibit.

This spring, The Museum at Bethel Woods presented its first special exhibitions, the one-of-a-kind *Old School* and *Rock Heroes*, thanks in part to the generosity of The Vallone Family and their local, family-run businesses including Rolling V Bus Corp., Big V Entertainment, Gershowitz Transportation, Vallo Transportation and Creekside Cabins.

Darlene Fedun, Bethel Woods Chief Operating Officer remarked, "We are so proud that prominent members of the community recognize the importance of our Museum programs and special exhibits. This contribution, combined with donations from our many members will help to assure that Bethel Woods is a significant resource for the entire region well into the future."

Mr. Kesten of Forestburgh, is a Sullivan County Coroner who also owns Yellow Cab Co., has been a Bethel Woods Box Holder since 2006. He is also very active in the Monticello Fire Department, the proud recipient of this year's Harvest Festival Chili Cook-off Spirit Award. Ms. Gaglio is a kindergarten teacher at The Homestead School in Glen Spey.

Mr. Kesten explained, "I'm pleased to be a part of this. I remain a member and continue to enjoy activities at Bethel Woods. I am very impressed with the new exhibits and events, which are a great addition to what makes Bethel Woods a wonderful experience."

Ms. Cohen, partner in Monticello's successful Gersten-Hillman Insurance Agency, a division of Marshall and Sterling, has an award-winning home in White Lake, and her husband Dr. Sachs has a veterinary practice, Equine Veterinary Services. They have been active members of Bethel Woods since the inaugural season. They are also investing in the future of tourism in the county through their Dancing Cat Distillery on Route 17B, which recently broke ground and is expected to open in spring of next year just down the road from Bethel Woods.

Said Ms. Cohen, "The Gerry Foundation started a chain of events, and we are proud and happy to be a part of that momentum."

The Museum at Bethel Woods will exhibit *Robert Altman's Sixties* through January 3, 2010 when the museum closes for the winter season. Public programs and exhibitions for 2010 will be announced early next year.

Bethel Woods is grateful for the continued support of the community. As a non-profit organization Bethel Woods depends on individual, foundation, and corporate donors to help us sustain our cultural, education, history and outreach programs. If you are interested in supporting future exhibitions or public programs, please contact the Development office at 845-295-2501.