

The Museum at Bethel Woods

Bethel, NY

The Museum at Bethel Woods is a world class experiential museum combining artifacts, film, interactive displays, text panels and cutting edge displays all that explore the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. Built on the site of the historic festival "bowl", The Museum at Bethel Woods is an integral part of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The Museum serves as an educational resource for the exploration of the unique American experience of the decade of the 1960s.

The 8,000 sq. ft. Main Gallery exhibit highlights the social, political, cultural, musical transformations, and legacy of the 60s.

The Festival Theatre is the winner of the 2008 American Association of Museum's MUSE award. The lighting system includes state-of-the-art computer-automated spotlights, synchronized to work in concert with 12 high def video projectors to evoke the experience of 3 continuous days of love, life and music. Morphing lighting combinations of color, texture, UV filtering, beam position and focus enhance the artifacts in a rich atmosphere that recalls the transformational ideas of the 60s.

Completed: 2008



Located in the middle of rolling hills and farmland, the museum's desire to be ecologically sensitive is reflected in the lighting systems design, which employ an array of



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technologies intended to deliver the best experience with the least environmental impact. A seamless combination of Metal Halide, LED, fluorescent, and halogen sources capitalize on the strengths and qualities of each source.

It all adds up to an extraordinary experience; according to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Bethel Woods is "A revolution among museums."