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AAA 4-STAR THE OLD INN ON THE GREEN**

February 15, 2018 – (Becket, MA) Jacob's Pillow partners with award-winning, Berkshire-based The Old Inn on the Green and its sister property The Southfield Store of New Marlborough, MA for on-site dining options as part of Festival 2018. The Old Inn on the Green at the Pillow, The Southfield Store at the Pillow, and The Southfield Coffee Bar will operate during the Festival's 10-week season, June 20–August 26, 2018.

"It thrills us to partner with local favorite Old Inn on the Green and bring dining options of the highest caliber to our audiences all summer," says Jacob's Pillow Director Pamela Tatge.

"We are excited to bring our passion for food and hospitality to Jacob's Pillow, one of the most dynamic cultural venues in the country," says Peter Platt, co-owner of The Old Inn on the Green and The Southfield Store.

The Old Inn on the Green, led by renowned Executive Chef Peter Platt, is a AAA 4-star, Zagat-rated restaurant well-known for creative, farm-to-table American cuisine. It has been named one of the "Best Restaurants of the Berkshires" by *Boston Magazine* and one of *Travel+Leisure's* "Favorite American Winter Retreats". The Old Inn on the Green at the Pillow will be located on the Pillow's Great Lawn, offering full-service dining and speciality hand-crafted cocktails in a grand, open-air summer tent. Locally sourced dining by Chef de Cuisine Matthew Sweitzer will be available for dinner Wednesday through Saturday and for weekend brunch; reservations are strongly recommended.

The partnership continues throughout all of the Pillow's public, on-site dining locations. The Southfield Store at the Pillow will offer lighter fare at its casual pub-style location central to both the Ted Shawn and Doris Duke Theatres, including salads, wraps, and sandwiches, all available as take-away meals to be enjoyed around the Pillow's 220-acre campus. The Southfield Store Coffee Bar will be a quick-service counter featuring a menu of coffees, teas, beverages, and snacks. Executive Pastry Chef Amanda Perrault of The Old Inn on the Green will provide desserts, available at all three locations.

Food has played an integral role at Jacob's Pillow, where culinary and artistic histories have long intermingled from its earliest days as an 18th century New England family farm through its present day as an international dance center. When Ted Shawn first founded the Pillow as a retreat for his company of Men Dancers, he and the men lived and worked on-site, building their own cabins and farming their own food. In 1933, Shawn began to host his now famous "Tea Lectures". Audience members would travel for miles to pay for tea and sandwiches served by the Men Dancers and hear Shawn speak about dance and choreography while his company performed. Over the past 85 Festivals, dining options at the Pillow have evolved to enhance offerings as a truly unique Festival experience.

HOURS AND RESERVATION INFORMATION

All dining opens on June 20, 2018.

The Old Inn on the Green at the Pillow

Reservations are strongly recommended and processed through [Yelp Reservations](#); open for dinner Weds through Sat, 5-9pm; open for brunch Sun, 11am to 2pm.

The Southfield Store at the Pillow

No reservations required, counter service and takeout available. Open Weds through Fri, 4:30-11pm; Sat, noon to midnight; Sun, noon to 5pm.

The Southfield Coffee Bar

Open Weds through Fri, 2pm to 9:30pm; Sun, noon to 5pm.

ABOUT THE OLD INN ON THE GREEN

An 11-room inn built in the 1760s, it served as a stop on the Boston-to-Albany stagecoach route. Today, under the ownership of Peter Platt and Meredith Kennard, it boasts modern amenities for its overnight guests, and an open-to-the-public restaurant that has been recognized for outstanding American cuisine, a deep vintage wine list, and candlelit ambiance by AAA, *Travel & Leisure*, *Yankee Magazine*, and *Food & Wine*, among others.

ABOUT THE SOUTHFIELD STORE

A fixture in Southfield, MA for generations and now owned by Mr. Platt and Ms. Kennard, it's not a store, per se, but a casual café that offers breakfast and lunch year-round, a wide selection of coffees, teas, and house-made baked goods, and both a la carte and prix fixe dinners in season. oldinn.com/southfield

ABOUT JACOB'S PILLOW: Jacob's Pillow is a National Historic Landmark, recipient of the National Medal of Arts, and home to America's longest-running international dance festival. While celebrating its 85th Festival in 2017, the Pillow announced its transition to becoming a year-round center for dance through a five-year strategic plan titled Vision '22. Each Festival includes more than 50 national and international dance companies and over 350 free and ticketed performances, talks, tours, classes, exhibits, events, and community programs. The School at Jacob's Pillow, one of the most prestigious professional dance training centers in the U.S., encompasses the diverse disciplines of Ballet, Contemporary, Musical Theatre Dance, Choreography, and an annual rotating program (Gaga in 2018). The Pillow also provides professional advancement opportunities across disciplines of arts administration, design, video, and production through seasonal internships and a year-round Administrative Fellows program. With growing community engagement programs, the Pillow serves as a partner and active citizen in its local community. The Pillow's extensive Archives, open year-round to the public and online at danceinteractive.jacobspillow.org, chronicle more than a century of dance in photographs, programs, books, costumes, audiotapes, and videos. Notable artists who have created or premiered dances at the Pillow include choreographers Antony Tudor, Agnes de Mille, Alvin Ailey, Donald McKayle, Kevin McKenzie, Twyla Tharp, Ralph Lemon, Susan Marshall, Trisha Brown, Ronald K. Brown, Wally Cardona, Andrea Miller, and Trey McIntyre; performed by artists such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Carmen de Lavallade, Mark Morris, Dame Margot Fonteyn, Edward Villella, Rasta Thomas, and hundreds of others. On March 2, 2011, President Barack Obama honored Jacob's Pillow with a National Medal of Arts, the highest arts award given by the United States Government, making the Pillow the first dance presenting organization to receive this prestigious award. For more information, visit www.jacobspillow.org.

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