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Jacob's Pillow Selects

Boston Gourmet Management Company as Hospitality Partner

Joint venture between Sodexo Live! and Gourmet Caterers will elevate hospitality services at Jacob's Pillow

June 21, 2022 (BECKET, Mass.) — Jacob's Pillow, a treasured 220-acre National Historic Landmark and home to America's longest-running international dance festival, nestled in the expansive Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts, today announced an agreement with Sodexo Live! and joint venture partner Gourmet Caterers of Boston, to enhance the food, beverage and hospitality offerings for patrons.

Boston Gourmet Management Company will incorporate the Berkshires' naturally beautiful and eclectic influences into thoughtfully curated food & beverage offerings and displays at the Pillow. Menus, infused by inclusion of local ingredients, will complement the venue's historic, artistic space – a 2011 recipient of the prestigious National Medal of Arts – both day-to-day and for large events, including this year's Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival.

The festival runs June 22 – August 28 and brings in thousands of guests from the U.S. and around the world to bask in the history of dance. It's a destination for performances from national and international dance companies, expert speaking engagements, free exhibitions, an extensive archival collection, community education and engagement programs, and The School at Jacob's Pillow, one of the field's most prestigious professional dance training centers.

"We're thrilled to be working with Sodexo Live! and Gourmet Caterers, given their proven track record for providing top-tier hospitality to the cultural sector," said A.J. Pietrantone, Deputy Director, Jacob's Pillow. "Their new offerings and mission-driven service will help elevate every patron's visit."

Culinarians for Jacob's Pillow will incorporate the latest trends and area flavors into menus. Enhancements and updated offerings will also be reflected in existing onsite eateries The Restaurant Café, The Pub and The Coffee Bar.

The newly bolstered hospitality program will build upon many important values including diversity, sustainability, integrity, and inclusion to create unforgettable memories for every visitor.

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, currently celebrating its 90th Anniversary Season. Jacob's Pillow acknowledges that it rests on the unceded lands of the Muh-he-con-ne-ok, and recognizes the Agawam, Nipmuc, and Pocumtuc who also made their homes in Western Massachusetts. We honor their Elders past, present, and future. Each Festival includes national and international dance companies and free and ticketed performances, talks, tours, classes, exhibits, events, and community programs. The School at Jacob's Pillow, one of the field's most prestigious professional dance training centers, encompasses the diverse disciplines of Contemporary Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, Photography, Choreography, and an annual rotating program. 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. The Pillow's Executive and Artistic Director since 2016 is Pamela Tatge. For more information, visit www.jacobspillow.org.

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