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EagleFest set to soar again on February 10th

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Croton-on-Hudson, NY - The eagle returns to the nest on Saturday, February 10, 2018, when the 14th Annual Hudson River EagleFest festival lands in Croton Point Park. In celebration of the bald eagle's migration, Senator Terrence Murphy will partner with Teatown Reservation to sponsor EagleFest 2018. The popular event for bird watchers, families and music lovers will be held at Croton Point Park, 1 Croton Point Avenue in Croton-on-Hudson from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year's celebration will feature special guest artist Dar Williams.

More than 25 environmental organizations have pledged to participate in EagleFest, which will feature live programs spotlighting birds of prey, bird walks, bus tours, live music, children's activities and food trucks filled with high-quality cuisine. Multiple eagle viewing sites staffed by birding experts will be available along the Hudson for viewing the eagles.

Designated as our country's symbol of strength and liberty in 1782, more than 100 bald eagles now spend the winter in the Hudson Valley. As an outdoorsman and a lover of wildlife, Senator Murphy secured a \$500,000 appropriation for a critical meadow restoration project at Croton Point Park, a sanctuary for bald eagles and other wildlife.

"I look forward to coming to EagleFest every year. It is an exciting event for families and bird enthusiasts," said Senator Murphy. "Seeing these majestic birds in their natural environment is a breathtaking experience. Everyone who comes to EagleFest will be awed by the park, the wildlife, and the entertainment."

Kevin Carter, Executive Director for Teatown said, "Teatown puts on Eagle Fest as a community event, with people of all ages and backgrounds coming out to celebrate the positive collective impact that is possible when we work together. We are deeply appreciative to Senator Murphy and his team for embracing the spirit of the event, for championing it as well as the park where it takes place."

Each winter between December and March, bald eagles from Canada, New England and northern New York migrate south to the Hudson Valley to feed on fish and waterfowl in the open water. The Hudson River is such a notable location to view bald eagles that it has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society.

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Special guest Dar Williams and other local acts will provide the entertainment. Born in Mount Kisco and raised in Chappaqua, singer/songwriter Dar Williams has released ten albums and been described by The New Yorker as one of America's very best singer-songwriters. A veteran of the New England folk scene, Williams gained national attention in the 1990s with her idiosyncratic folk/pop songwriting, acerbic wit, and pristine soprano voice.

"Nothing makes me happier than bringing in some music to celebrate momentous news for our river valley," said Ms. Williams. "The return of the eagles is a sign of many good things to come!"

Senator Murphy and Teatown Lake Reservation will offer FREE admission to EagleFest for veterans. In addition, each veteran is allowed one guest free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Veterans can call Senator Murphy's District Office at 914-962-2624 to reserve a spot.

Guests are encouraged to dress warmly (after all, the EagleFest will take place in February), however, the EagleFest Headquarters and the Theatre will be heated. In the event of snow, EagleFest will be rescheduled for the following day, Sunday, February 11, 2018. For more information about EagleFest, including directions, parking, ticket prices and a schedule of events, visit the Teatown Lake Reservation website at www.teatown.org or contact them at 914-762-2912, ext. 110.