

## WOODSTOCK SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE MOTHERSHIP AUGUST 2023

WOODSTOCK SUMMER SCHOOL presents an introduction to Woodstock. We celebrate its legacy of over a century of being an artists' enclave and a half-century of birthing the New Age from the embers of sex, drugs and rock'n'roll. A town where one can find important figures in several religions, world class musicians, writers, artists, producers, luthiers, filmmakers, recordists, etc. A place where crazy artists and crazier country folks have been rubbing shoulders since 1902 and basically everybody gets along pretty well.

As one of the epicenters of the cosmic love-bomb that hit the world in the 60s, modern Woodstock has always been all about enlightenment; "waking up" to the cosmic mind, to the wrongness of racism and war and to the value of ancient wisdom ways. Music, social activism and mind expansion were the hallmarks of the time and all are well represented in the WOODSTOCK SUMMER SCHOOL at the Mothership

TO SIGN UP FOR COURSES EMAIL [mothershipwoodstock@gmail.com](mailto:mothershipwoodstock@gmail.com)  
EARLY REGISTRATION WILL SECURE YOUR POSITION IN THE CLASS

\$10 PER SESSION/HOUR IS THE SUGGESTED DONATION, BUT IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TEACHER

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AUGUST 1 TUESDAY at 6

PAUL MCMAHON

WELCOME TO WOODSTOCK

Fun with bumper stickers! The Welcome to Woodstock line of green stickers is Paul McMahon's love letter to his adopted home town. It began percolating in 1994 and entered the physical world in 1996. Woodstock of the 90s was a very very funny place. As Swami Beyondananda said, "The antidote for gravity is levity." Everyone was broke and there were quite a few truly amazing characters. There was a singularly benevolent street culture and killer musicians playing every night. There were also quite a few cars with ten or more stickers on the

back. Nowadays it's memes online, right? In this class we can make up some bumper stickers and possibly invent some memes too.

One time only

AUGUST 2 WEDNESDAY at 6 TBA

PAUL MCMAHON

AMAZING STORIES

Does everyone have the type of experiences I have? Do I exist? What is the relationship between my inner thought process and events in the world around me? These questions are stimulated by things that I was a part of that really happened.

AUGUST 3 THURSDAY 4 PM one time only (for now)

MICHAEL ESPOSITO

CARTOONING

The author of the SWAMI SALAMI cartoons is one of Woodstock's real treasures. Former rock star (Blues Magoos), former Orthodox priest (taught by Father Francis), artist whose paintings have been shown at the Mothership Gallery, he is the proprietor of the Old Spokes Home - on a mission to put everyone on a bicycle for little or no money, Michael will share his knowledge of cartooning. Swami Salami has been a constant source of chuckles for several decades in local newspapers.

AUGUST 3 THURSDAYS at 6 5 classes

MARIAN TORTORELLA

THE COSMIC SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY

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Radio, TV, Impractical Jokers podcast, Wise Woman Radio Blog, among others. With her intuitive skills, Marian has managed to merge her spiritual initiations, and knowledge into ONE, with Astrology as it's pivotal point for her counsel.

AUGUST 5 SATURDAYS at 11 AM CELESTE GRAVES 4 sessions  
MORNING MOVEMENT

Celeste Graves is a Movement Artist living in Saugerties. Her current focus is on the 'Qi~Arts'; taiji, qigong, and qi~danceflow, for improving health, overall wellness, and connecting with All That Is! These August Saturday morning classes will consist of qigong movements that are easy to follow, adaptable to people of all ages and states of fitness, and immensely powerful in balancing and harmonizing our physical, mental, and spiritual natures.

AUGUST 5 SATURDAYS at 4 PM 4 classes  
RAY SPIEGEL

RHYTHM WORKSHOP FOR ALL; THINK LIKE A TABLA PLAYER!

Ray Spiegel has studied tabla and performed or recorded with the top Indian musicians since 1970.

Ray wishes to share this knowledge with musicians of all backgrounds and traditions, as well as those who have no musical training, but wish to increase their knowledge and awareness of musical rhythm.

All are welcome to this event. There will be something for everyone no matter what the level of musical training of the participants. Attendees may bring pens and notepads. Recording is allowed, but just having interest and attention will be enough.

AUGUST 5 SATURDAYS at 6 IRA SCHEPETIN 4 classes  
FUNDAMENTALS OF NONDUALISM

Pearls of wisdom from a beloved local teacher and translator who is known internationally as a published expert on Vedanta. Ira Schepetin

is a respected scholar who lectures on the Bhagavad Gita and Advaita Vedanta. He defeated an advocate of Dzogchen Buddhism in Dueling Nondualists, a debate at the Mothership in 2008, by presenting a more compelling idea of what nonduality 'is'.

AUGUST 6 SUNDAYS at 10 AM SHARP  
CHURCH

REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

A simple meditation in the backyard. If you are late you might miss it. This happens every Sunday since sometime in 2007. All are welcome.

AUGUST 6 SUNDAYS at 11 AM                      4 sessions

ANNIKA FISHER

YOGA 1 AND 2

A student of Linda Winnick, Annika is a Woodstock native who describes herself as a radically positive extraterrestrial.

AUGUST 6 SUNDAYS at 12PM    every week in august

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

In 1990 he met Grandfather Thundercloud, Grandmother Twyla Nitsch and the mythical Two Feathers. He met Hopi Grandfather Titus in 1991 and Lakota shamans White Bird in 1993 and Chubb in 1999. He came to Woodstock as firekeeper for Grandfather Thundercloud at his medicine wheel ceremony at the Wittenberg Center. he was soon an intern there and that is where he was ordained in 1996 by Joseph "Beautiful Painted Arrow" Rael and Reverend Betsy Stang. He was made a relative (adopted) in a huncka ceremony in South Dakota by Gayle Two Eagles in 1999. Kriya, tantra and Vedanta darshan and teaching from Swami Hariharananda-giri, Bhagavan Das and Ira Schepetin. His Tibetan refuge lama is Barway Dorge. But wait there's more!

AUGUST 7 MONDAY at 7

There will not be classes at the Mothership as Paul leads the 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 Meditation at the Sacred Sound Chamber. This happens every month at this time in the fifty or so chambers around the world in their respective time zones. Both the chamber and the ceremony were born in visions of Joseph “Beautiful Painter Arrow” Rael. Paul and Peter Blum were both ordained in the chamber. The Wittenberg Center is no more and the chamber is now part of Lenny’s Bee Happy Farm at 395 Wittenberg Road in Bearsville. All are invited to the ceremony. Look for signs pointing to parking in the field just before the two barnlike structures on the left if you are coming from Woodstock. Follow the colored lights to the back of the property.

AUGUST 8 TUESDAYS at 6 4 classes

SPARROW

ONE-EYED WRITING

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AUGUST 9 WEDNESDAYS at 6 three two hour classes aug 9,16,23

JIMMY EPPARD

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR ELECTRIC GUITAR

One of Woodstock’s Guitar Gods, Jimmy has 50 years experience as a guitarist and guitar tech. Hired by producers of numerous major label

releases to make sure tracks went to tape 'in tune'. Artists include Blondie, Lemonheads, Social Distortion, Screaming Cheetah Wheelies, Jewel, Three, Lisa Loeb, many more. Over 20 years as the last pair of hands to touch every USA made Spector instrument before it was sold, he now does similar work for Joe Veillette.

AUGUST 10 THURSDAY at 6

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AUGUST 11 TBA

AUGUST 12 SATURDAY at 11 AM

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MORNING MOVEMENT

AUGUST 12 SATURDAY at 4 PM

RAY SPIEGEL

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AUGUST 12 SATURDAY at 6

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REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

AUGUST 14 at 6  
WOODSTOCK MUSEUM®  
VIDEO SCREENING:  
THE '60S REVELATION

The magical mystery tour is coming to take you away! It's a non-stop multimedia experience through that explosive era when rebels with a cause formed political, sexual, psychedelic and spiritual movements that shook the foundations of America. A musical medley tells the story. Filmmaker Nathan Koenig will be there to share his personal tale and conversation.

AUGUST 15 TUESDAY at 6  
SPARROW  
ONE-EYED WRITING

AUGUST 16 WEDNESDAY at 6 2 hours  
JIMMY EPPARD  
CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR ELECTRIC GUITAR

AUGUST 17 THURSDAY at 6  
MARIAN TORTORELLA

## THE COSMIC SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY

AUGUST 19 SATURDAY at 11 AM

CELESTE GRAVES

MORNING MOVEMENT

AUGUST 19 SATURDAY at 4 PM

RAY SPIEGEL

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AUGUST 19 SATURDAY at 6

IRA SCHEPETIN

FUNDAMENTALS OF NONDUALISM

AUGUST 20 SUNDAY at 10 AM

CHURCH

REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

AUGUST 20 SUNDAY at 11 AM

ANNIKA FISHER

YOGA 1 AND 2

AUGUST 20 SUNDAY at 12PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

AUGUST 21 MONDAY at 6 .2 and ½ hours

WOODSTOCK MUSEUM®

VIDEO SCREENING

IROQUOIS POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

This video teaches American history with leaders and scholars of the Six Nations Iroquois aka Haudenosaunee) Confederacy. Their Great Law of Peace was a major influence on the formation of the United States



although it were ignored in the standard version of American history.  
What is missing from it is causing so much turmoil today.

AUGUST 22 TUESDAY at 6

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AUGUST 23 WEDNESDAY at 6 JIMMY EPPARD CARE AND FEEDING  
OF YOUR ELECTRIC GUITAR

AUGUST 24 THURSDAY at 6

MARIAN TORTORELLA

THE COSMIC SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY

AUGUST 26 SATURDAY at 11 AM

CELESTE GRAVES

MORNING MOVEMENT

AUGUST 26 SATURDAY at 4 PM

RAY SPIEGEL

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AUGUST 26 SATURDAY at 6  
IRA SCHEPETIN  
FUNDAMENTALS OF NONDUALISM

AUGUST 27 SUNDAY at 10 AM  
CHURCH  
REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

AUGUST 27 SUNDAY at 11 AM  
ANNIKA FISHER  
YOGA 1 AND 2

AUGUST 27 SUNDAY at 12PM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
REVEREND PAUL MCMAHON

AUGUST 29 TUESDAY at 6  
SPARROW  
ONE-EYED WRITING

AUGUST 30 WEDNESDAY at 6 TBA

AUGUST 31 THURSDAY at 6  
MARIAN TORTORELLA  
THE COSMIC SCIENCE OF ASTROLOGY