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Author Suze Rotolo Offers a Portrait of Bob Dylan

Suze Rotolo, author of *A Freewheelin' Time: A Memoir of Greenwich Village in the Sixties* will offer an eyewitness account of the creative and tumultuous years of the 1960s, when she was first cast into the spotlight as Bob Dylan's girlfriend. She will offer her thoughts during the keynote address for *The Folk Music Revival: Politics and Community*, a musical tribute and symposium by the New York Folklore Society. **Suze Rotolo** will speak at 2:00 p.m. and will greet visitors and sign her latest book at 6:00 p.m.

The Folk Music Revival: Politics and Community will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2008. It will feature musicians and folk music pioneers for musical performances and discussion. Events start at 10:00 a.m. and end the day with a performance by well-loved English Folk Musicians Tony Barrant and John Roberts. **Tony Barrant** and **John Roberts** have delighted audiences throughout the United States for almost three decades with their "a capella" duets of English folk bawdry and balladry, monologs, and storytelling. Their performance will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Invited speakers for October 18, 2008 include Andy Spence of Old Songs, Inc., Sarah Craig of Caffe Lena, and Wanda Fischer of WAMC's Hudson River Sampler. A panel entitled "Folk Scare! Politics and the Folksong Revival," will feature legendary folk musicians **Josh White, Jr.** and **Oscar Brand**, who will be joined by Sonny Ochs and Jaye Alper in discussing the political

nature of the folk revival movement and the impact of Senator Joe McCarthy and the House Un-American Affairs Committee.

Admission to the day's events is \$30.00.

The New York Folklore Society is **the** leading resource for information about the folklore and folklife of New York State. Based in Schenectady, the Society has published a journal of New York folklore since 1945. **The Folk Music Revival: Politics and Community** is presented with support from the New York Council for the Humanities, the New York State Council on the Arts, and WAMC-FM radio.

Registration and full program details can be found online at www.nyfolklore.org, or by calling the New York Folklore Society at (518) 346-7008.