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## **Ray LaMontagne**

**FRIDAY, MAY 30, 8:00PM**

“a refreshing reminder that the genuine artist is not yet an extinct species”  
**Vanity Fair**

**Westhampton Beach, NY May 9, 2008:** Folk singer, songwriter and guitarist **Ray LaMontagne** will lull the audience into an acoustic driven submission at the **Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 30 at 8:00pm.**

Every once in a while, an artist comes along with all the ingredients to become an instant classic. **Ray LaMontagne** is just such a talent. Making mellow music that is part folk and part soul with deeply textured emotion, Ray is absolutely captivating. Audiences adore the raw honesty of his lyrics and a voice that hovers between fury and tenderness.

A mixture of dark smooth sounds, sincere lyrics and uplifting feeling demonstrates the tour de force of emotions Ray LaMontagne can project into his music. Barely pushed past his lips, his soft vocals sound like he's whispering his secrets in your ear, yet its effectiveness is deafening. And despite an elusive nature and private personality, listening to tracks like “Trouble (Saved By a Woman)” or “Three More Days” makes you feel like you know him a little bit better. The lyrics are so soulful, heartfelt and tender and the music sounds effortless.

Ray LaMontagne seeks to craft songs that are both personal and universal. He writes, records, and performs his music and hopes that, in doing so, sheer passion and music will triumph. A decade ago, LaMontagne was battling depression, addictions and thoughts of suicide, until one magical morning when he heard a relatively obscure Stephen Stills' song called "Treetop Flyer." That moment turned LaMontagne's life around and he has since devoted his entire life to pursuing a musical career.

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**Tickets are \$100, \$85, and \$70. Call the Box office at (631) 288-1500 or stop by 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, seven days a week from 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM and later on show nights, or purchase tickets On-Line at [www.WHBPA.org](http://www.WHBPA.org).**

