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Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center in November: "Pen Mingle" Networking Event and Two Writing Workshops

(Bronx, NY – October 23, 2015) **Bronx Writers Center (BWC)**, a program of the **Bronx Council on the Arts**, presents a "Pen Mingle" Networking Event at the Bronx Museum of the Arts on Thursday, November 12th and two writing workshops at the Bronx Library Center on Saturday, November 21st and Saturday, November 28th. Admission is free and all are welcome. RSVP is required for all three events!

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 6:00-8:00pm

Bronx Museum of the Arts: 2nd floor North Wing, 1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10456, 718-681-6000

"PEN Mingle" Networking Event

The Bronx Museum is pleased to host PEN American Center's first Mingle, in partnership with Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center. Mingles are social gatherings hosted at venues throughout the city that create bridges to new communities. We hope you can join us for an evening of drinks, engaging conversation and updates on defending free speech at home and abroad. Meet other writers and artists from New York City, as they converge for this breakthrough event in support of freedom of expression -- something of special value to Bronxites and to the people from all over the world who move here. Representatives from all three organizations will be on-hand to speak to attendees about how to get involved in the movement.

RSVP by November 10 with Bronx Museum at <http://bit.ly/BronxMingle>.

Questions? Contact Charlie at 718-931-9500 x21 or bronxwriters@bronxarts.org

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 12:00-2:00pm

Bronx Library Center: 310 East Kingsbridge Rd. (at Briggs Ave.), Bronx, NY 10458, 718-579-4244

Storylining Workshop with 2011 BRIO Winner Dianne Sposito

Bring 100 index cards, pens and paper and the story that's inside of you. If you are a writer looking for a technique to capture your percolating ideas and get them down on paper, then this "skillshop" is for you. In a "hands-on, how-to" two-hour seminar, you will learn a tried and true technique, designed to easily harness your ideas so that you can bring them into story form. A technique that fits into any writer's toolbox, the class is open to playwrights, screenwriters, novelists, essayists, YA authors, songwriters, poets, performance artists, spoken word artists, or anyone with a story to tell. Newbies and seasoned scribes are also welcome.

RSVP: https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0Fd000000c7XssEAE.

Questions? Contact Sabrina at 718-931-9500 x22 or Sabrina@bronxarts.org.

Saturday, November 28, 2015, 12:00-2:00pm

Bronx Library Center: 310 East Kingsbridge Rd. (at Briggs Ave.), Bronx, NY 10458, 718-579-4244

Poetry and Identity Workshop with 2015 BRIO Winner Rachel Ansong

Poetry is a mirror that reflects deep beyond our soul. More than just verse and lines, it allows us to know ourselves, face our fears, create new worlds and even shape our visions for the future. Join Rachel Ansong, a 2015 BRIO award winner (poetry) as she delves into the essence of how poetry can help one realize his or her identity. Ms. Ansong herself is an MFA student at Stony Brook Southampton and primarily writes poems that connect her to memories of her Ghanaian home and new home, the Bronx. In this workshop, we will read poems by Audre Lorde, Walt Whitman, Mahmoud Darwish and Mary Oliver, which will contribute to our understanding of identity in relation to our culture and places of origin. We will also write a "My self" poem using a mirror/taking a selfie, if that is simpler, to look closely at what we look like, what we think we look like and how the world sees us.

RSVP is: https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0Fd000000csNIIEA2.

Questions? Contact Charlie at 718-931-9500 x21 or BronxWriters@bronxarts.org.

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