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**BCA's Bronx Writers Center Helps You Keep Your Resolutions  
Kicks Off 2012 with a Series of Free Writing Workshops**

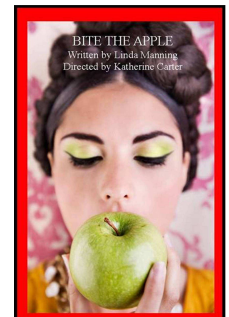
(Bronx, NY – January 12, 2012) The Bronx Writers Center (BWC), a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), kicks off 2012 with a series of writing workshops and a staged reading of a work in progress. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**On Friday, January 20th**, the Bronx Writers Center and Barnes & Noble present a free writing workshop at Barnes & Noble Bay Plaza (290 Baychester Avenue in the Co-op City section of the Bronx), from 7:00-9:00pm. "Resolved to Write: Transforming Your Dreams into Goals" is one of a series of free workshops for aspiring writers held every third Friday of the month at Barnes & Noble Bay Plaza. Have you been writing your novel or screenplay in secret, stealing away time from your work, family and friends? Now is the time to commit to your project and to break through to that place where inspiration meets motivation. The workshop includes hands-on writing exercises, discussion of structure, story-telling and voice, and a Q&A with the instructor Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center. Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative ideas! Reserve your seat at <http://bronxwriters1202012.eventbrite.com>.

**On Saturday, January 21st & 28th**, the Bronx Writers Center presents "Poetry with Sarah Stern", a free two-part poetry writing workshop at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx), from 11:00am-12:30pm. Do you think in metaphor and rhyme? Do you scribble verse in a notebook when no one is watching? Do you yearn to meet other poets and find support for your poetry habit? Is 2012 the year that you will make your writing dreams into goals? Emerging and beginning poets are encouraged to attend this two-part writing workshop led by an award-winning poet. **Sarah Stern**, four-time winner of BCA's BRIO award, published poet and journalist, will lead the small group in discussion and writing exercises that will inspire and motivate. Participants should bring a notebook and pencils. Seating is limited. Reservations are required at <http://bronxwriters12112.eventbrite.com>.



**On Monday, January 23rd**, the Bronx Writers Center presents BRIO winner Linda Manning in a free Staged Reading of her play, "Bite the Apple," at An Beal Bocht Café (445 West 238th Street), home of The Poor Mouth Theatre Company, at 7:30pm. "Bite the Apple" picks up with Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel, and Gretel twenty years after the fairy tales have ended as they navigate the modern world and approach middle age. For reservations or info email [lindasmanning@gmail.com](mailto:lindasmanning@gmail.com). **This event is not recommended for children.**



**On Thursday, January 26th & February 9th**, the Bronx Writers Center and the Hutchinson Metro Center present free writing workshops in the Conference Room near the Hutch Metro Cafe (1200 Waters Place, between Eastchester Road & Westchester Avenue), from 12:30-1:00pm. Both sessions are led by Bronx Writers Center Director Maria Romano. Ms. Romano is an award-winning writer, a teacher and a veteran of the publishing industry.

**On January 26th**, "Resolved to Write in 2012" is a free hands-on writing session for all writers (even the secret writers) who are ready to work on a memoir, novel, poetry, screenplay or even a blog. This quick session will give you a few tools to inspire, invigorate and motivate you to tell your story. Bring pen and paper. Space is limited. Reserve a seat at <http://bronxwriters1262012.eventbrite.com>.

**On February 9th**, “Write for Your Life” is a free hands-on writing session for all writers (even the secret writers) who want to share their personal stories with their families, friends and even strangers with money. Techniques for accessing detailed memories and shaping a memoir are shared. Bring pen and paper. Space is limited. Reserve a seat at <http://bronxwriters2092012.eventbrite.com>.

**Stay tuned for upcoming BCA information about The Big Read in the Bronx** (March 21-April 28), a month-long celebration of one book and the history and culture that surrounds it. This year, we will be reading *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Writers, if you are interested and available to lead a workshop, a read aloud, or a discussion group, please contact us. Honorariums will be paid to participating writers. For additional information on these workshops, The Big Read or other events presented by the Bronx Writers Center, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org), or visit the Bronx Writers Center on [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org)

**The Bronx Writers Center** supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx. The BWC searches for and promotes new voices and audiences and engages the community in literary and literacy programs.

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