

Bronx Trolley returns

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, returns on February 3 with the opening of Bronx:Africa at BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, along with exhibitions at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, BronxArtSpace and Wallworks Gallery. Additionally, the evening will include a book signing and reading at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The evening begins and ends at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse. Admission to venues is free.

February 3rd's trolley begins at 5 p.m. at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos with the opening reception for Bronx:Africa featuring contemporary art across disciplines along with Program Ambassador events around the Bronx and beyond. The borough is home to major and still growing populations from various countries in Africa. Their vital presence influences and transforms our city. Bronx:Africa is a multi-disciplinary exploration of the art, expressions and influences of African cultures and their impact on the arts. It celebrates the influence of contemporary African cultures that strengthens and connects us with

the many peoples of African descent, the diaspora, mixed heritage and migration-dispersion that call the Bronx home. Bronx:Africa features work by 25 artists, with an online component. The curatorial team includes LeRonn P. Brooks, Exhibition Curator; Atim Oton, curator of Community Engagement; Juanita Lanzo, Longwood Art Gallery director; and Deirdre Scott, executive director of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

The opening reception will include a live performance by Gambian musician Muhamadou Salieu Suso, renowned for his mastery of the 21-stringed Kora, and additional music will be provided by DJ Juwandi of House Riddims.

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events. The trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The trolley runs on the First Wednesday of each month (except January and September). Passengers are given the opportunity to sample several of the area's hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.