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***In Progress: Speed Writing and Open Mic***  
**A Free Bronx Writers Center Workshop**  
**Future Home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 East Tremont Avenue**  
**Monday, January 28, 2013 6:30-8:30pm**

(Bronx, NY – January 8, 2013) Presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center, ***In Progress: Speed Writing and Open Mic***, a free, hands-on workshop, is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013, 6:30-8:30pm at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 E Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.) Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <http://bronxwriters1282013.eventbrite.com/>.

*In Progress* is a series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square.

This two-hour workshop begins at **6:30pm** with an hour and a half of **Speed Writing**. Start the New Year by taking a bold brave new step - writing and sharing your work with other Bronx writers. In this unusual workshop, writers will respond to short prompts and share them one-on-one and in small groups. This is an opportunity to write and to meet other like-minded literary types. From **8:00-8:30pm** you can perform your work at out open mic session! (2 minutes per reader.) Not everyone has to stand and read, but anyone who wants to is welcomed to claim their voice! Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. All welcome! Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative energy.

**Maria Romano is the Director of the Bronx Writers Center.** She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New School. She is a creative writing teacher at Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program for middle and high school students and a volunteer at the nationally recognized non-profit, Girls Write Now. She has also worked as an Academic Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and as a Sales and Production Manager at Avon Books (now part of Harper Collins.) A Bronx-bred, award-winning writer of short stories, essays, she is currently working on a novel.

The Bronx Writers Center's 2012-2013 workshop series, *In Progress*, is posted on BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org). For additional information on this workshop 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's web pages at [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.

**Bronx Council on the Arts** is celebrating almost 50 years as a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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