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**Bronx Council on the Arts presents**  
**COMMUNITY ARTS TUESDAYS in Westchester Square**  
**Join us January 29, 2013, 5:00-7:00pm at BCA @ 2700**  
**featuring Music by Jazz bassist John Benitez**

(January 10, 2013—Bronx) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) invites you to join us for the inauguration of our new networking event, **COMMUNITY ARTS TUESDAYS**, on January 29th, from 5:00-7:00pm, at BCA @ 2700 East Tremont Avenue, on the corner of St. Raymond Avenue, in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.

"**COMMUNITY ARTS TUESDAYS** are a great way for the community to get to know the range of services we have to offer," says BCA Executive Director Deirdre Scott, "and we are eager to be able to show our space and highlight the talents of Bronx artists. We value the support of local businesses by hosting these Tuesday evenings. We will continue to build strong cultural connections with our neighbors here in the Square and across the borough at large".

**COMMUNITY ARTS TUESDAYS** is a networking opportunity to gather with our Westchester Square neighbors and friends, introduce the BCA staff and rub elbows with members of the newly formed Westchester Square BID. This evening will feature Jazz and Latin music by John Benitez, recipient of the 2012 BRIO Award for artistic excellence. Refreshments provided by Key Food at Westchester Square.

**Admission to this event is free and open to the public.**



Grammy award-winning bassist **John Benitez** was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. A first-call bassist by 19 in San Juan's thriving Jazz and Latin music scenes, he performed with such well-known artists as Chick Corea, Lucecita Benitez, Batacumbele, Lalo Rodriguez, Cuco Peña, Roberto Rohena, and Justo Betancourt. In 1993, John moved to New York, studied with Ron Carter and earned a BFA in music at the Manhattan School of Music. His education was not limited to formal classroom study, learning on the bandstand while performing with such Jazz and Latin musicians as Wynton Marsalis, Tito Puente, Michele Camilo, Dave Valentin, Eddie Palmieri, Bobby Watson, David Sanchez, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Roy Hargrove, Antonio Hart, Danilo Perez, Kenny Kirkland, Will Calhoun, Chucho Valdez, Don Pullen, Dave Samuels, and Mongo Santamaria.

**Directions:** BCA @ 2700 is located at 2700 East Tremont Avenue (corner of St. Raymond Avenue) in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx. BX 40 & 42 buses stop right in front of the building. Stops for BX 4, 8, 21 and 31 buses and the #6 subway are within blocks of the building. **Information:** 718-931-9500 x 22 or 33.

**The Bronx Council on the Arts** celebrates its 50th year 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 over 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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