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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
continue the 2015 Summer Concert Series in the Northwest Bronx
on Thursday, July 21st at Amalgamated Housing's Train Park
John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band**

(June 26, 2016 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz continue their summer concert series in the Northwest Bronx on **Thursday, July 21st, 7:00-9:00pm**, with a performance by **John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band** at **Amalgamated Housing's Train Park**. Seating is limited, so bring folding chairs if you have them.

Our venue host and co-presenter for the evening is Amalgamated / Park Reservoir Housing Cooperatives at 98 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, New York 10463. Phone: 718-796-9300. The Train Park is across the street at the corner of Orloff Avenue and Gale Place. **Rain Location:** Vladeck Hall at 74 Van Cortlandt Park South. The concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

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. Learn more about John and his music at johnbenitez.com.

Additional concerts in the series are listed below.

Monday, August 1, 7:00-9:00pm at Henry Hudson Park - Just Nuts Party Dance Band

Thursday, August 4, 7:00-9:00pm at Amalgamated Train Park - Ginetta's Vendetta

Tuesday, August 9, 7:00-9:00pm at Henry Hudson Park - The Mystery Tour Beatles Tribute Band

Wednesday, August 11, 7:00-9:00pm at Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center - Orquesta SCC

Tuesday, August 16, 7:00-9:00pm at Amalgamated Train Park - Donald Vega

Thursday, August 17, 7:00-9:00pm at the Riverdale YM-YWHA - NY Skyscrapers

For more information regarding these events or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Dinowitz' District Office at 718-796-5345.

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NYC Parks, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, and NYS Council on the Arts.*

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