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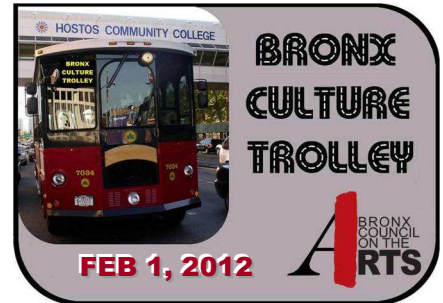
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## **First Bronx Culture Trolley of 2012: Wednesday, February 1st Exhibitions / Interactive Games / Craft Sale / Check Presentation**

(Bronx – January 20, 2012) The first **Bronx Culture Trolley** of 2012 **rolls on Wednesday, February 1st** featuring a number of family activities along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) including art exhibitions and performances at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#). BCA's [bronxArtworks Artisans Collective](#) will set up their boutique of hand-made items in the Hostos lobby and you can wind down your trolley night with fine food and drinks at [Sweetwater's Bar & Grill](#). The [Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



**4:00pm BCA/NYSCA/DCA Check Presentation** will precede the Bronx Culture Trolley activities. BCA will announce and award checks to the recipients of the NYS Council on the Arts' Decentralization grant and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund grant.

**February 1st's Trolley** begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with a meet-and greet reception for its current exhibitions. **Toys & Games with a Twist**, curated by Juanita Lanzo and Vanessa Gonzalez, is a multi-media exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, video, and board and video games. **Adult Content**. **Stations of the Lost**, inspired by the biblical Stations of the Cross, is a mixed-media installation by Sean Paul Gallegos that explores the growing disconnect from traditional religious iconography and belief systems in modern culture.

**Toys & Games with a Twist** includes a variety of **Interactive Games in the Gallery** so you can enjoy the exhibition and get your game on! An additional component to **Toys** is an **Online Exhibition of Digital Media**, an online interactive game room at [www.bronxarts.org/lag\\_gameroom.asp](http://www.bronxarts.org/lag_gameroom.asp) where you can actually play a half dozen games on two computers set up in the gallery. The Game Room is an online portal and archive created to synergize videos, games, images, and other forms of digital media with the work exhibited in the Longwood Art Gallery. The Game Room is a continuation of BCA's commitment to digitally-based artist through the Digital Matrix and BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) programs.

**In the Hostos lobby** BCA's **bronxArtworks Artisans Collective** will display and sell such imaginative creations as Korean knot-tying novelties, crafts, crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, metal sculpture, note cards, paintings, papermache masks and vases, post cards, and more. All items are original designs created by Bronx Artisans.

**The trolley bell clangs at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm** indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events. The Bronx Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. Admission to participating venue attractions is free. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and September) providing Bronxites and tourists alike a fun way to travel via a replica of an early 20th-century trolley car. Passengers are given the opportunity to sample several of the area's hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.

In addition to the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include the **Bronx Museum of the Arts** for a guided tour of *Urban Archives: Our Town Pictures of the Bronx* by Emilio Sanchez and a viewing of *Lobby-For-The-Time-Being*; **BRAC on the Block @ BronxArtSpace** for *Shifting Communities: The Work Office (TWO)*; *Publicworks Office (PwO)*; *Work Progress Collective (WPC)*. The Work Office (TWO) is a multi-disciplinary art project disguised as an employment agency, modeled on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) of the Great Depression in the 1930s; and **Sweetwater's Bar & Grill** to eat, drink, and have some "singing" fun in Sweetwater's Karaoke Lounge.

The Bronx Culture Trolley will roll again on March 7, 2012. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-February for information on March 7th's Bronx Culture Trolley activities. For information on BCA's trolley activities, call 718-931-9500, x33 for First Wednesday Trolley.

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