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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$117,550 to 60 Grantees
at February 2nd Award Presentation**

(Bronx, NY – January 14, 2011) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) will award \$117,550 to 60 local recipients of both New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants on February 2nd at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos in conjunction with that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. The awards will be presented at 6:00 pm. The ceremony will be attended by representatives of recipient organizations, artists, schools, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and members of BCA's Board of Directors.

The Decentralization Funds or Community Arts Grant is open to Bronx arts organizations and community-based organizations that utilize the arts to help fulfill their missions. **35 Bronx organizations received this year's award totaling \$66,150.** **Bronx Arts Organizations** (22) Bardekova Ensemble, Blind Beggar Press, Bronx Children's Museum, Bronx Concert Singers, Inc., Bronx Stage & Film, Bronx Symphony Orchestra, BronxNet, Center Stage Comm Playhouse Inc, CENTRO CULTURAL Y EDUCATIVO, EL MAESTRO, City Island Historical Society, City Island Theater Group, D.A.N.C.E., Drammeh Institute, Inc., Garces Puppeteria, Jessica Danser/dansfolk, New York Kids Theatrical Alliance, Orchestra of The Bronx, Parkchester Chorus, Pepatian, Riverdale Choral Society, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, and Society of Unique Artists, Inc. **Bronx Community-Based Organizations** (non-arts organizations) (13) Beth Abraham Health Services, Brainpower Research and Development Services, Inc., Bronx River Alliance, Inc., BronxWorks, Concourse House, HDFC, Friends of Pelham Bay Park, Friends of The Woodlawn Cemetery, Hope of Israel Senior Citizens Center, Inc, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Kingsbridge Hts Neighborhood Improve Assoc, Inc., Knox Gates Neighborhood Association, Riverdale Community Center, Inc., and SCAN-New York Volunteer Parent-Aides Association, Inc.

The DCA Greater New York Arts Development Funds are open to Bronx-based artists and arts organizations with organizational budgets under \$100,000 who do not receive direct funding from DCA and provide arts activities to borough residents. **25 artists and arts organizations received this year's award totaling \$51,400.** **Individual Artists** (21) are: Andrew Geddis, Christian Diaz, Christopher Flick, Dalia Davi, David Valentin, Dennis Redmoon Darkeem, Freddy E. Sepulveda, Hatuey Ramos-Fermín, Hilda Rivera-Pantojas, Ira Merritt, Jessica Danser-Schwarz, Kalpulli Huehuetlahtolli, Kevin Kane, Linda Cunningham, Marcos Napa, Militeri Tucker, Nancy Benignus, Nicholas (Nicky) Marrero, Jr., Ray Felix, Ray Martinez, and Vivian Vazquez. **Arts Organizations** (4) are: Bronx Concert Singers, Inc., Garces Puppeteria, One World Arts, Inc., and Sinfonietta of Riverdale,

Each year BCA provides artists and organizations the opportunity to apply for funds serving a variety of purposes. These funds are charged with fostering the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. Applications for the 2011-2012 grants will be available from the Bronx Council on the arts beginning July. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

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