



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Phil Cardone

Phone: 718-931-9500 x33

E-Mail: trolley@bronxarts.org

Web: www.bronxarts.org

Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on Wednesday, February 2nd ***New Exhibitions, Musical Performance and Craft Sale***

(Bronx – January 14, 2011) The **Bronx Culture Trolley** rolls again on **Wednesday, February 2nd** along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) making stops at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [LDR Studio Gallery](#), [BronxArtSpace](#), and [Bruckner Gallery at the Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them. The Bronx Culture Trolley is a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA).

February 2nd's Trolley begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with an opening reception for two new exhibitions. ***Observed, Imagined and Recreated***, an exhibition of works by 2009 Urban Artist Initiative Grant (UAI / NYC) winners in visual arts and media, focuses on the politics of representation, gender, national identity, migration, post-colonial history and politics and their impact on the construction of the self. ***EYE AM A MAN: MAN-HOOD in the GAY-HOOD by the ART-HOOD*** is an exhibition of paintings, photography, drawing, sculpture and video, that explores gender constructions, religion, machismo, popular and street culture. ***Eye Am A Man contains Adult Content***. For more information on the Longwood Art Gallery and its exhibits, visit www.bronxarts.org or call 718-518-6728.



Also in the Gallery: Two special award presentations by the Bronx Council on the Arts and Hostos Community College. **(1)** The Bronx Council on the Arts announces the recipients of both NYS Council on the Arts' (NYSCA) Decentralization and Arts-in-Education grants and NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants at its **BCA/NYSCA/DCA Awards Presentation**. 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. **(2)** Hostos Community College will also announce the recipients of **Hostos' Martin Luther King Award** and a special check presentation to Hostos alumnus Pedro Gaston. A special **Musical Performance** will take place in the gallery, immediately after the award presentations, by three of BCA's 2010-2011 DCAGNYADF Arts Fund grantees: David Valentin (flutist, composer, recording artist), Ray Martinez, (bass, composer, recording artist), and Nicky Marrero (timbales [kettle drums], recording artist). They will play a short set of three tunes.

In the Hostos Lobby: BCA's **bronxArtworks Artisans** will be on hand displaying and selling such imaginative creations as Korean knot-tying novelties, art cards and prints, ceramics, silver jewelry, handmade knitware, and more. All items are original designs created by Bronx Artists.

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.

This month's trolley stops and attractions include: **Bronx Museum of the Arts** (1040 Grand Concourse) where you can tour the museum and view the exhibitions: ***Stargazers: Elizabeth Catlett in Conversation with 21 Contemporary Artists***, ***Alexandre Arrechea: Orange, Lobby-For-The-Time-Being, Urban Archives, and Happy Together***; **LDR Studio Gallery** (137 Alexander Avenue) where you can view the current exhibition; **BronxArtSpace** (305 East 140th Street) for a **Synthetic Zero & SONIKFEST Multi-Disciplinary Event** of performances, experimental film & video, visual art, readings, and music; and the **Bruckner Bar & Grill** (1 Bruckner Blvd.) where you can view their gallery's current exhibition and if you're not in a hurry, stick around for "Karaoke 'til Midnight" and wind down your trolley night with the Bruckner's drink specials and full menu.

For additional information on the Bronx Culture Trolley and the Bronx Cultural Card (which offers percentage off discounts at participating Bronx organizations and business establishments), contact Phil Cardone at 718-931-9500 x33 or at trolley@bronxarts.org. The Bronx Culture Trolley will return on March 2, 2011. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-February for information on March 2nd's Bronx Culture Trolley activities as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

The Bronx Culture Trolley, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Cultural Card and the Bronx Tourism Council, is made possible with funding from the Bronx Empowerment Zone, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Scherman Foundation, and Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo.

###