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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$144,920 to 71 Grantees  
at February 3rd Award Presentation**

(Bronx, NY – February 12, 2010) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) awarded \$144,920 to 71 local recipients of both New York State Council on the Arts' (NYSCA) Decentralization and Arts-in-Education grants and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants on February 3rd at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos in conjunction with that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene accompanied BCA Deputy Director Deirdre Scott and BCA Chair Charles Rice-Gonzalez in presenting the awards.



**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. **41 Bronx organizations received this year's award totaling \$73,520.** They were: Aging in America Community Services, Inc., Bardekova Ensemble, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, Baychester Youth Council, Inc., Bronx Community Cable Programming Corp. (BronxNET), Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Defenders, Bronx Land Trust, Bronx Spotlight Theatre, Bronx Symphony Orchestra, Center Stage Community Playhouse, Inc., City Island Historical Society, City Island Theater Group, D.A.N.C.E, Inc., Derfner Judaica Museum, Friends of Pelham Bay Park, Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery, Garces Puppeteria, Highbridge Voices, Hope of Israel Senior Center, INSPIRIT: a dance company, SCAN-NY Volunteer Parent Aides Assoc., Inc., Papatian, Studio 889, Citizens Advice Bureau, Jessica Danser/Dansfolk with Odyssey House, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc., Mosholu Preservation Corp., Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, Orchestra of the Bronx, Parkchester Chorus, Riverdale Choral Society, Riverdale Community Center, Inc., Riverdale Senior Services, Riverdale YM-YWHA, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, St. Raymond Community Outreach, Inc., Tremont United Methodist Church, Uptown Coffeehouse, Inc, and Youth on the Move.

Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene (c.) joined Bronx Council on the Arts Chair Charles Rice-Gonzalez and Managing Director Deirdre Scott in awarding \$144,920 to 71 local recipients of municipal and state funds at its BCA/NYSCA/DCA Decentralization awards presentation ceremony at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College on February 3rd.

*Photo: Phil Cardone*

**The NYSCA Arts-in-Education Grants** are offered to partnerships consisting of a local school (public, private, or parochial) and either an artist or arts organization utilizing the arts integration model for short-term classroom residencies aimed at improving student achievement in core academic subjects using state learning standards. **13 partnerships received this year's award totaling \$21,400.** They were: Alfred E. Smith CTE H.S. / Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Charter School for Excellence / Making Books Sing, Casita Maria / UA Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists, La Tonia Phipps / Kingsbridge International Magnet H.S., M.S. 223 The Laboratory School of Finance and Tech / Multicultural Music Group, P.S. 5 Port Morris/ Doing Art Together, P.S. 78 Anne Hutchinson School / Notes in Motion, P.S. 86 Kingsbridge Heights / Lehman College Art Gallery, P.S. 90 G. Meany School / Revels-Bey Music, P.S. 175 / Bronx Arts Ensemble, P.S. 304 The Early Childhood Lab School / Garces Puppeteria, School for Excellence / Contemporary Ballet Theatre, and South Bronx Academy for Applied Media (MS 296) / Teachers and Writers Collaborative.

**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. **17 artists and arts organizations received this year's award totaling \$50,000.** They were: Nancy Benignus, Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Hoot Reunion Committee, Melissa A Calderon, Linda Cunningham, Jessica Danser, Marisol Diaz, D.A.N.C.E, Inc., Garces Puppeteria, Andrew Gonzalez, Josie Gonzalez, Kevin Kane, The Literary Freedom Project, Jose L. Ortiz, Papatian, Freddy Sepulveda, 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 2010-2011 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](http://www.bronxarts.org).

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