

GAY

A Group Exhibition Examining Identity and Cultural Production

February 5, 2014 — May 7, 2014

Opening Reception: Wednesday, February 5th | 5:00-9:00pm

(Bronx, NY — January 17, 2013) Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), invites you to the group exhibition **GAY**, organized by NYC-based artist Ivan Monforte in collaboration with Visual AIDS and the Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD) at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street). The opening reception for the exhibit will take place Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Music provided by DJs Q-Raider, Taffy and Senti-mental.



Jacolby Satterwhite and Jay-Z perform Picasso Baby at Pace Gallery, Jacolby Satterwhite, 2013.

GAY examines the cultural shift that has taken place in identity within the last decade by looking at the production of gay male artists of color from 2003-2013. Through painting, drawing, sculpture, video, performance and text, the artists in the exhibition interrogate, de-construct, embrace and celebrate the gay label. **This show contains adult content.**

The exhibition includes work by NYC-based, interdisciplinary artist **Jacolby Satterwhite** who exhibits the continuation of his *Reifying Desire* video series that will appear as part of the upcoming 2014 Whitney Biennial; Boston-based painter **Steve Locke** whose series *Some Men* was included in his recent solo exhibition at the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) in Boston; and drawings by Los Angeles-based artist **Hector Silva** who was recently recognized by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs for his dedication to representing the Latino LGBT experience.



Los Hijos de Doña Rita, pencil on museum board, Hector Silva, 2011.

Supporting the mission of Longwood Arts Project (gay, African-American artist Fred Wilson served as founding director to bring exhibits that address themes of contemporary practice, social justice, and community), this exhibition will host the following programs at Hostos Community College: A Kiki Ball — a youth-led, politically-engaged division of the larger mainstream House and Ballroom community; a college tuition fundraiser for young members of the Kiki House and Ball community of NYC; a health fair featuring local community-based organizations that provides services to gay men of color; and a panel discussion and artist performances examining gay identity today in the gallery. Finally, the Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD) will host an evening of performances at its new Westchester Square location at 2474 Westchester Avenue as part of the exhibit.

Artists include: David Antonio Cruz, Carlos Sandoval De Leon, Jose Joaquin Figueroa, Cacy Forgenie, Twiggy Pucci Garçon, Lawrence Graham-Brown, Imani Henry, Steve Locke, Rafael Melendez, Lucas Michael, Troy Michie, Netza Moreno, Carlo Quispe, Jacolby Satterwhite, Hector Silva, Rob Vassilarakis, Charlie Vázquez, Antonio Vicenty and Dorian Wood.

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About the Curator: Ivan Monforte was born in 1973 in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. He is the recipient of a UCLA Arts Council Award, a fellowship to attend the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, a Lambent Fellowship in the Arts from the Tides Foundation and an Art Matters Foundation grant for research in Samoa. He curated the exhibition *I Never Meant to Hurt You* at Buzzer Thirty in 2006. Monforte currently resides and works in Harlem where he maintains a studio practice and provides HIV prevention education to gay, bisexual and transgender homeless and runaway adolescents.



The Opportunists, oil on beveled plywood panel,
Steve Locke, 2007.

Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 12:00-5:00pm.

Closed: Saturdays and holidays. Admission is FREE!

Directions: By Train: 2, 4 or 5 to 149th & Grand Concourse; By Bus: BX1, BX2 or BX19 to 149th & Grand Concourse

BCA | Longwood Events/Public Programs:

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 5:00-9:00pm: Opening Reception & Bronx Culture Trolley

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 6:30-9:30pm: Art 21 Screening: Jacolby Satterwhite & more, Longwood Art Gallery

Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 5:00-9:00pm: Bronx Culture Trolley

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 4:00-9:00pm: *Gay Today*, a panel discussion & performances, Longwood Art Gallery

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 5:00-9:00pm: Bronx Culture Trolley

Saturday, April 26, 2014, 6:00-8:00pm: Performances @ Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance, Westchester Square

Saturday, May 3, 2014, 5:00-9:00pm: Panel Discussion/Kiki Ball, Longwood Art Gallery

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 5:00-9:00pm: Closing Reception & Bronx Culture Trolley

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