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### **Bronx Council on the Arts, BRIO and Bronx Library Center present a performance by 2014 BRIO award winner Larisa Gelman at Bronx Library Center on Saturday, February 14th at 2:30pm**

(Bronx – February 6, 2015) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), BRIO and Bronx Library Center present a performance by 2014 BRIO award winner Larisa Gelman with three-time BRIO winner Igor Begelman at the Bronx Library Center Auditorium on Saturday, February 14th at 2:30pm. Bronx Library Center is located at 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458. Phone: 718-579-4244. Admission is free and all are welcome.

A native of Rochester, New York, Ms. Gelman performed with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in high school, touring Alaska and the Dominican Republic with her fellow musicians. When the time came to choose between music and science in college she could not — Ms. Gelman double-majored in music and biology at Oberlin College, after which she went on to Yale University, where she received a Master's Degree in music.



She and her husband Igor Begelman, a clarinetist, met at the 1998 Pacific Music Festival in Japan, started by composer and pianist Leonard Bernstein. They often perform concerts together, playing music they have arranged for bassoon and clarinet. Since 2003, the couple has lived in Riverdale with their two children, Eve, 10, and Joshua, 5.

Since 1989 **BRIO** (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) has provided direct financial support to Bronx artists in recognition of putting forth their very best in the areas of literary, media, film, performing, and visual arts. A total of 25 BRIO grants of \$3,000 each are awarded annually. BRIO award winners must complete a one-time public service activity (ACE) to receive their complete award. The selection process is based solely on artistic excellence and is decided by a panel of arts professionals representing the various disciplines. Only artists living in the Bronx are eligible to apply for BRIO. Since its inception, BRIO has provided more than \$875,000 to 310 artists.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** (BCA) was established in 1962 and is currently celebrating 53 years as a private, non-profit membership organization and the official cultural agency of the Bronx. We are recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services and programming. We serve the entire county of the Bronx (over 1.3 million residents), and connect with Upper Manhattan, Westchester and regional resources. BCA offers a wide array of services to a multitude of artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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