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**Bronx Council on the Arts' CrossBRONX
publishes "My Landscape"
Original Poetry Edited by BCA BRIO Winner Sima Rabinowitz**

(February 18, 2011 – Bronx) **CrossBRONX.org**, the online literary journal published by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center, announces its "My Landscape" edition featuring original poetry by Oscar Bermeo, Doug Sutton-Ramspeck, Will Lane, Sandra Park, Lisa Bellamy and Sima Rabinowitz. Mr. Bermeo was raised in the Bronx and his poem is set in his childhood borough.

This issue of **CrossBRONX** was edited by 2010 BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) winner Sima Rabinowitz. She writes, "As an impossibly busy expressway (Interstate 295/95), the Cross Bronx traverses rapidly changing and remarkably diverse landscapes: an urban grid of congested blocks and arteries; tree-lined neighborhoods of single family homes; stretches of desolate concrete highway; paths along the majestic Hudson River. "My Landscape" seems an apt theme for an issue of a publication named for the ever-busy and changing **CrossBRONX**. The writers whose poems appear here were invited to contribute work on the theme of "my landscape" as broadly interpreted—landscape as physical or natural terrain, as mental perspective, as psychological, social, or emotional geography. As I read their wonderful submissions, it occurs to me that every poem is, essentially, a small map of personal landscapes. How does a poet move from one thought to another? Where is her destination? What do his habits of perception say about him and the way he moves through the world?"

Sima Rabinowitz is the author of *The Jewish Fake Book* (2004) and *Murmuration* (2006). Her poetry and prose have appeared in *Sentence*, *Hamilton Arts & Letters*; *Prairie Schooner*; *Witness*, *Trivia*, *Salamander*, *Tampa Literary Review*, *Water-Stone Review*, and other publications. She received a 2010 BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Award from the Bronx Council for the Arts.

CrossBRONX publishes poetry, short stories, creative non-fiction, and interviews selected and edited by Bronx writers. Comments and reactions are encouraged on the website. Submissions are accepted through e-mail only, at bronxwriters@bronxarts.org. The next edition is scheduled for spring 2011.

The Bronx Writers Center, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), is devoted to promoting and supporting the development of writers, the literary community and the audience for literary programming in the Bronx.

For more information on the Bronx Writers Center and any of its workshops and literary events, please call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail bronxwriters@bronxarts.org, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

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