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Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on Wednesday, March 2nd New Exhibitions, Music, Craft Boutique, and Karaoke

(Bronx – February 11, 2011) The **Bronx Culture Trolley**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), **rolls again on Wednesday, March 2nd** along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) making stops at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Pregones Theater](#), [Gordon Parks Gallery](#), [BronxArtSpace](#), and [Bruckner Gallery at the Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome.

March 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: A special 5:00pm award presentation: The Bronx Council on the Arts announces the recipients of its NYS Council on the Arts' (NYSCA) Decentralization and Arts-in-Education grants, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grant at this 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. A special

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 Artisans.

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** 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**; **Pregones Theater** for **Portraits of Bronx Renaissance Artists: Part 1** in which photographer Marisol Diaz, through video and still documentation, captures the stories of 13 Bronx artists and their impact on the Bronx in recent years (part of the En Foco Touring Gallery); and a free 7:00pm concert of **Chamber Music by The Academy**, a program of Carnegie Hall, The Juilliard School, and the Weill Music Institute; **Gordon Parks Gallery & Cultural Arts Center** for a viewing of **Beautiful, also, Are the Souls of My People**, a photographic collage and poetry by Nikki Williams that shares the passion for a people that poet Langston Hughes wrote about well over 50 years ago; **BronxArtSpace** for **Transporting Home/Culture: The Turtle Life**, an exhibition of work by five artists of varying ages and diverse cultural backgrounds, positing the complexity of dual cultural identity; and the **Bruckner Bar & Grill** for a viewing of **oil paintings by Jason Minos** 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 April 6, 2011. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-March for information on April 6th's Bronx Culture Trolley activities as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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