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**March 3rd's Bronx Culture Trolley Goes Full Throttle
with a wide variety of free family activities**

(Bronx – February 19, 2010) **The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, March 3rd** along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) with an evening of family activities featuring six art exhibitions at: [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), LDR Studio Gallery, and the [Bruckner Gallery](#). The evening will also include a book signing and reading, a theatrical performance, and a musical performance at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, artist studio tours at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, a concert at [Pregones Theater](#), a multi-disciplinary event at [BronxArtSpace](#), and a karaoke after-party at the [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#).

The [Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to most venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



March 3rd'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 its three new exhibitions: **...in the City: Memory, Places and Spaces**, curated by Juanita Lanzó, includes installation, mixed media, painting and video by Michael Paul Britto, Suzanne Broughel, Jerry Gant, Jayson Keeling, Juan Fernando Morales and Luis Stephenberg. The works comment on issues of displacement, migration, development, and urban planning. **Transmit-Transit** – Hatuey Ramos-Fermin presents a multi-media installation focusing on issues of migration, access and globalization. Curated by Ricardo Miranda-Zuñiga, it addresses traveling in the Bronx and in particular, the ethnic diversity of the drivers and the borough. **Impactical Hats: Indie Crafts Reinvent Everyday Gear** – In conjunction with *Immigrant History Month*, this exhibit includes pieces from immigrant artists working in the Bronx and abroad. The theme revolves around the construction of hats and hat-related objects in unexpected and unorthodox ways, drawing from cultural and contemporary themes. The 19 featured artists are members of **bronxArtworks**, a collective of immigrant artisans, indie artists, local artisans, independent designers and the local Bronx outsider artist community. This exhibition is curated by Lisa Curran. For more information on the Longwood Art Gallery and its upcoming exhibits, visit www.bronxarts.org or call 718-518-6728.

Also in the Gallery: at 5:30 pm, **Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen** will perform a short theatrical piece honoring International Women's Month by shedding light on and creating awareness of environmental injustice, educational inequalities and their impact on women of color. **From 6:30-8:00pm**, there will be a **Book Signing & Reading** with **Bronx Writers' Center Fellow Sonya Chung** who will read from and sign copies of her first novel, *Long for this World* – the story of a family divided between contemporary America and a small Korean town. There will also be a special reading by award-winning poet Ceez. **From 8:00-8:45pm**, there will be a **musical performance** by **BxIndie musician and BRIO winner Antonio Polanco**, a Bronx-born Dominican who bills himself as a DJ, a music composer, and a music producer who now spends much of his time in the recording studio. The Longwood Art Gallery is located at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Bronx). Transportation: IRT 4 & 5, Bx1, Bx19 to Grand Concourse and 149 Street. For information on this exhibit, call 718-518-6700. For further information on Longwood and its exhibitions, call 718-518-6728 or visit www.bronxarts.org/lag.asp.

Outside the Gallery: **From 5:00-8:30pm**, the **bronxArtworks Artisans** will be on hand in the Hostos Lobby displaying and selling their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items included are Korean knot tying novelties by Karen Ahn, art cards and prints by Diane Davis and Stephanie Chisholm, original ceramics by Toby Liederman, and silver jewelry by Liz Ortiz, and much more.

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos to make 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 all 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.

FIRST STOP: Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street) for a tour of the museum and its current exhibition: **Intersections: The Grand Concourse Commissions** by three contemporary artists considering present-day conditions along the Grand Concourse: Katie Holten (Ireland), Kabir Carter, and Jeff Chien-Hsing Liao (Taiwan). In addition, a special lobby installation by Acconci Studio significantly alters the lobby architecture. On view thru March 7, 2010. Stick around for the special **Open Studio Tours** by the museum's international artists in residence, Magdi Mostafa and Mahmoud Khaled, both from Egypt. For information on the Bronx Museum and its many activities, visit www.bronxmuseum.org or call 718-681-6000.

NEXT STOP: LDR Studio Gallery (137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10, 4th floor) to view its current show. For information, call 917-558-2389 or e-mail LDRStudioGallery@gmail.com.

NEXT STOP: BronxArtSpace (305 East 140th Street) for a **Synthetic Zero Multi-Disciplinary Event** featuring performances, experimental film and video, visual art, readings, and music. For additional information, call 718-401-8144, e-mail llcuning@gmail.com, or visit www.BronxArtSpace.com.

NEXT STOP: Pregones Theater (571-575 Walton Avenue, off 149th Street) for a **free 7:00pm concert** by **ETHEL**, a "high-octane" chamber group (New York Times) of Julliard grads who push the art of improvisation to new heights. Presented in collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Neighborhood Concert Series sponsored by Target. **Please call 718-585-1202 to reserve your seat.** For information on Pregones Theater and its upcoming performances, visit www.pregones.org or call 718-585-1202.

FINAL STOP: Bruckner Gallery at the Bruckner Bar & Grill (1 Bruckner Blvd.) to view a **Group Exhibition** curated by Barry Kostrinsky. Visit the Bruckner's website at www.brucknerbar.com for information on this exhibit or call Mr. Kostrinsky at 845-729-5467. Plan to stick around for the Karaoke that starts at 8:30. **Mistress Wanda's Karaoke Survivor** – Part Game Show, Part Karaoke. *This ain't your momma's karaoke party!* Join us for the official Trolley After-Party hosted by artist and all around bad girl Wanda Raimundi-Ortiz. Drink specials and full menu available. Come to sing, laugh or just watch.

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 roll again on April 7, 2010. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-March for information on April 7th'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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