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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$81,660 to 43 Grantees
at March 7, 2012 Check Presentation**

(Bronx, NY – February 23, 2012) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has awarded \$81,660 to 43 local recipients of the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program and Local Capacity Building grants. A check presentation will take place at 4:00pm on March 7th at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos preceding that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. The ceremony will be attended by representatives of recipient organizations, artists, 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.

The Decentralization Funds or Community Arts Grant is open to Bronx arts organizations and community-based organizations that utilize the arts to help fulfill their missions. **34 Bronx organizations received this year's award totaling \$65,100. Bronx Arts Organizations** (19) are: Bardekova Ensemble, Blind Beggar Press, Bronx Comic Heroes, Bronx Concert Singers, Inc., Bronx Stage & Film, Bronx Symphony Orchestra, BronxNet, Center Stage Community Playhouse Inc., City Island Historical Society, Drammeh Institute, Inc., Garces Puppeteria, Hunts Point American Indian Council, Nuyoricano School Poetry Jazz Ensemble, Inc., Orchestra of The Bronx, Papatian, Riverdale Choral Society, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, Theater International, Inc., and The Uptown Coffeehouse. **Bronx Community-Based Organizations** (non-arts organizations) (15) are: Brainpower Research and Development Services, Inc., Bronx River Alliance, Inc., BronxWorks, Building 13 Association, Friends of Pelham Bay Park, Friends of The Woodlawn Cemetery, Herman Liebman Memorial Fund, Hope of Israel Senior Citizens Center, Inc, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortland Development Corp., Riverdale Community Center, Inc., SCAN-New York Volunteer Parent-Aides Association, Inc., St. Barnabas Hospital/ Fordham-Tremont Community Mental Health Center, St. Peters Church SMART Center, and Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDCO).

The NYSCA Local Capacity Building Grant (9) is available to Bronx based arts organizations and/or schools to provide a short-term classroom residency during regular school hours by a teaching artist from any arts discipline. Artists must be Bronx based. Grantees must incorporate the New York State Learning Standards for the arts and for the core academic subjects covered. This year, nine partnerships were funded a total of \$16,560. They are: Arturo A Schomburg Satellite Academy/ Teaching Artists Rosemarie Fiore and Michael Ferris, Jr.; Casita Maria/Theater Arts Production Company School; Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School/Teaching Artist Pam Sporn; Garces Puppeteria/PS 304; Millennium Art Academy High School/Teaching Artist Elizabeth Hamby; MS 223/Multicultural Music Group, Inc.; St. Athanasius School/ Teaching Artist Jacqueline Flowers; St. Joseph's School for the Deaf/ Teaching Artist Joan Rosen; and Wings Academy High School/ Teaching Artist Alex Simmons.

Each year BCA provides artists and organizations the opportunity to apply for funds serving a variety of purposes. These funds are charged with fostering the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. Applications for the 2012-2013 grants will be available from the Bronx Council on the Arts beginning July. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

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