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**Bronx Council on the Arts presents  
2015 BRIO Award Winner Tyrone Birkett  
in a Special Black History Month Performance**

(Bronx, NY – February 9, 2016) The Bronx Council on the Arts and 2015 BRIO award winner Tyrone Birkett present a Black History Month performance, "Music of the Civil Rights Movement and Beyond". The performance will take place on Monday, February 29th at 2:00pm at the Parkchester Library, located at 1985 Westchester Avenue (off Pugsley Avenue), Bronx, NY 10462. Phone: 718-829-7830.

**Tyrone Birkett**, 2015 BRIO winner for instrumental music performance, is a saxophonist, composer and producer. His current recording with his group, *Tyrone Birkett Emancipation*, titled "Postmodern Spirituals: The Promised Land", is the first endeavor to showcase his Postmodern Spirituals concept, the Negro Spiritual revived and refreshed through jazz language, 70's soul music and black church music.



As a saxophonist, Birkett has synthesized the sounds of his mentors Frank Foster and Budd Johnson, creating a distinctive soul-jazz fusion. Tyrone has brought his music to such venues as the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The Greene Space at WYNC, Lehman College Center for the Performing Arts, the U.N., Montreal Convention Centre, Bermuda and Europe. He attended JHS 125 and Adlai Stevenson H.S. where won the John Philip Sousa Band and Louis Armstrong Jazz Awards, respectively, and attended the Aaron Copland School at Queens College.

**BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own)**, established in 1989, provides direct grant awards to individual Bronx artists who create literary, media, performing and visual works of art. BRIO is a competitive awards program for creative excellence. This performance will be the **ACE** (Artists for Community Enrichment) component of his 2015 BRIO award. ACE is an essential component for all BRIO recipients and must be performed within the one-year period of their award. The ACE provides artists with additional visibility and demonstrates to the community the wealth of artistic talent available in our borough.

**Admission is free. Seating is limited. RSVP is required.**

**RSVP** at <http://tyronebirkett.eventbrite.com>.

**Questions?** Contact Lydia at 718-931-9500 x35 or [Lydia@bronxarts.org](mailto:Lydia@bronxarts.org).

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