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The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on April 2nd Exhibitions | Hip Hop Performance | Book Signing | Big Read Book Giveaways

(Bronx –March 24, 2014) New name, same trolley! **The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on April 2nd** with an evening of exhibitions at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#). The Bronx Museum of the Arts additionally features a book signing and reading along with a special 5:00-8:00pm Bronx WritersCorps performance in which BCA's teaching artists mix it up and perform for their students, plus a Big Read in the Bronx book giveaway. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

April 2nd's Trolley begins at 5:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with **GAY**, an exhibition that examines the cultural shift that has taken place in identity within the last decade by looking at the production of gay male artists of color from 2003-2013. Through painting, drawing, sculpture, video, performance and text, the artists in the exhibition interrogate, de-construct, embrace and celebrate the gay label. Artists include: David Antonio Cruz, Jose Joaquin Figueroa, Cacy Forgenie, Lawrence Graham-Brown, Imani Henry, Steve Locke, Rafael Melendez, Lucas Michael, Troy Michie, Netza Moreno, Twigg Pucci Garçon, Carlo Quispe, Carlos Sandoval De Leon, Jacolby Satterwhite, Hector Silva, Rob Vassilarakis, Charlie Vázquez, Antonio Vicenty and Dorian Wood. On view through May 7, 2014. **This show contains adult content.**

BCA's Bronx WritersCorps celebrates twenty years of giving voice to Bronx youth at the Bronx Museum of the Arts this evening, from 5:00-8:00pm. In this premiere event, the program's talented teaching artists — all renowned in the hip-hop and spoken word communities — will perform for their students. Artists include Brother Earl (your host for the evening), Intikana, Caridad "La Bruja" de la Luz, Kasim Allah and Divine who will perform for their students in a table-turning event where the instructors take the stage to showcase their performance strategy and word-sculpting skills. This special event will be co-hosted by Bronx hip-hop music and media group Circa '95 (Reph Star and Patty Dukes).

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. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the **First Wednesdays** 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.

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include:

- **The Bronx Museum of the Arts** for a **book signing and reading** by artist/architect Craig Shillitto and curator Elizabeth M. Grady who discuss their artist book-cum-cookbook *Ten Dinners in Havana*. Also you can tour the museum's current exhibitions: **Nina Talbot: Veterans** — Ten paintings that convey rarely told personal stories of American men and women from the U.S. Military; **Selections from The Bronx Museum of the Arts' Permanent Collection**, featuring works by eight artists; and **Paulo Bruscky: Art is our Last Hope** which documents his encounters with the Recife culture in books, photographs, and other media;
- **Bronx River Art Center at BronxArtSpace** for **Know Who You Are at Every Age** by Q_RAIDER with BDGRMMR, a group exhibition is the result of a collaborative project initiated by Q_Raider, represented as a public profile for the nascent Office of Curatorial Work founded by independent curator Edwin Ramoran during his 2010 research and travels in Southeast Asia.

The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on May 7, 2014. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-April for information on May 7th's trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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