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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture presents “Prima Divas”
A BxIndie Concert on Wednesday, April 7th at the Hostos Repertory Theater**

(March 25, 2010 – Bronx) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture presents “Prima Divas”, a free concert featuring BRIO winner Alkebulan/Teana Rodriguez, The Rebel Songstress, and BxIndie artist Melissa Diaz and Sleeping Phoenix. The 7:00pm performance will be held at the Hostos Repertory Theater (at Hostos Community College) on Wednesday, April 7th in conjunction with that evening’s Bronx Culture Trolley. Although admission to the concert is free, tickets must be picked up at the box office (718-518-4455). All are welcome!



Teana “Alkebulan” Rodriguez, 2009 BRIO winner for vocal performance, began to trace her roots back to her African ancestors, drawing on their legacy as she embarked on her mission to not only honor their memory, but to break the stereotypes in popular music, thus giving birth to a style she has dubbed "Rebel Soul," a unique blend of R&B, Jazz, Soul, Hip Hop, Pop, Rock, Dance & Reggae. She has been winning the hearts and souls of audiences wherever she performs with her powerful vocals and thought provoking messages.

BxIndie artist **Melissa Diaz** is a singer, songwriter, percussionist and member of Puerto Rican roots group "Yerbabuena", as well as Dominican "Musica Tipica" group "Kombacarei". Sleeping Phoenix, Melissa’s new solo project, is a fusion of Afro-Caribbean, Alternative rock and Latin pop. Sleeping Phoenix is a search to discover identity through the blending of major cultural influences and an attempt to give voice to the subculture of first generation Americans from different ethnic backgrounds who belong neither "here nor there" culturally.

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Directions: The Hostos Repertory Theater is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Bronx. It is accessible by the #2, #4 and #5 subway or the Bx1, Bx19 bus, all destinations to Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

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This evening’s event is a part of BCA’s “BxIndie presents BRIO Program Series” and the Bronx Culture Trolley, both sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines, and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation and fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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