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**Celebrate National Poetry Month at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos!  
Bronx Council on the Arts and BRIO Cafe invite you to "Poet-Tea"  
A BCA-BRIO CAFÉ Event on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 6:00 to 8:00pm**

(Bronx – March 31, 2015) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and BRIO Cafe present "Poet-Tea" hosted this year by 2011 BRIO award winner Sarah Stern at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos Community College](#), 450 Grand Concourse & 149th street. The evening will include poetry performances by 2014 BRIO Awardees Judith Baumel and Matthew Thorburn. Admission is free to all; however there is a suggested donation for tea. Books by BRIO authors will also be available for sale and signing.



Four-time BRIO winner **Judith Baumel** is a poet, critic and translator. She is Professor of English and Founding Director of the Creative Writing Program at Adelphi University. She is president emerita of The Association of Writers and Writing Programs and is a former director of The Poetry Society of America. Her books of poetry are *The Weight of Numbers*, for which she won The Walt Whitman Award of the Academy of American Poets, *Now* and *The Kangaroo Girl* which was named a top five poetry book of 2011 by *The Jewish Daily Forward*.



Two-time BRIO winner **Matthew Thorburn's** collection *A Green River in Spring* has just been published by Autumn House Press, as the winner of its *Coal Hill Review* chapbook competition. He is also the author of *This Time Tomorrow*, a book of poems set in China, Iceland and Japan, as well as two other books and an earlier chap book. Originally from Michigan, he has lived in New York City since 1999 and lived in the Bronx for nearly a decade. He is currently working on a book-length poem, much of which takes place in Riverdale, called *The Trees The Way The Light*.

Four-time BRIO winner **Sarah Stern** is the author of *But Today is Different* and *Another Word for Love*. She is a four-time winner of the Bronx Council on the Arts' BRIO Award for Poetry. She was short-listed for Ireland's Fish Poetry Prize and awarded Honorable Mentions from the Anna Davidson Rosenberg Awards and Lilit Magazine's Charlotte Newberger Poetry Prize. Her poems have appeared in magazines, anthologies, and online, most recently in *The American Dream Anthology*, *The Best of Duets.org*, *Epiphany*, *Freefall* and *Verse Daily*. She grew up in New York City, the youngest of seven children and the only girl. She graduated from Barnard College and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She is a senior associate at the EastWest Institute.



**Bronx Recognizes Its Own** (BRIO), established in 1989, provides direct support to individual Bronx artists who create literary, media, visual, and performing works of art. 25 BRIO grants of \$3,000 each are awarded to Bronx artists. BRIO award winners complete a one-time public service. The awards are based solely on artistic excellence. Winners are selected by a panel of arts professionals representing the award disciplines. Only artists living in the Bronx are eligible to apply.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** (BCA), established in 1962, and is a private, non-profit membership organization and designated the official cultural agency of the Bronx. We are recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services and programming. We serve the entire county of the Bronx (over 1.3 million residents), and connect with Upper Manhattan, Westchester and regional resources. **BCA** offers a wide array of services to a multitude of artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations. For further information about BCA and its programs and activities, visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) or call 718 931-9500.

**Directions:** Subway (#2, 4 or 5 IRT trains); Bus (BX1 or BX19) all destinations to 149th St. & Grand Concourse.

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