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5th Annual Mott Haven Open Studio Tour on Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1 Organized by the Bronx Council on the Arts

(April 21, 2011 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) invites you to tour Bronx artists' private studios, galleries, and alternative art spaces during the **5th Annual Mott Haven Open Studio Tour** on Saturday and Sunday April 30 and May 1, 2011, from 12:00-6:00pm. On Saturday, BCA's **Bronx Culture Trolley** will shuttle visitors from [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#) to Mott Haven studios and art spaces from 12:00-5:00pm. Rides on the trolley and all events are free and open to the public. All are welcome.



The tour offers a rare opportunity to check out private studios not ordinarily open to public eyes. Almost 50 artists are participating this year. Meet the artists, see how they work, ask questions, view their current projects, and maybe purchase a piece or two of artwork. Maps for this self-guided tour are available at [bronxarts.org](#) and during the tour at all participating locations. For more information, please call 718-931-9500 x23.

The weekend starts early with a Kick-off party at the Bruckner Bar and Grill (1 Bruckner Blvd.) on Thursday, April 28, from 7:00-12:00am. Enjoy DJ Lightbolt spinning his global beats and preview a slide show of artists' work that will be on view during the tour. At noon on Saturday, catch the Bronx Culture Trolley at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (718-518-6728, 450 Grand Concourse, near the 2, 4, and 5 trains at the 149 St-Grand Concourse station) where you can view the exhibitions *Observed, Imagined and Recreated* (featuring artists from the Urban Artist Initiative) and *EYE AM A MAN*. Visitors are invited to hop on and off the trolley until 5:00pm. On Sunday, several artists' studios will be open from 12:00-6:00pm. **Note:** the trolley will not be part of the Sunday event.

5th Annual Event Schedule

Thursday, April 28: *KICK OFF!* opening party at Bruckner Bar and Grill, 7:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, April 30:

- Artists studios open, 12:00-6:00pm.
- Bronx Culture Trolley Saturdays, 12:00-5:00pm
 - Bronx Culture Trolley brings visitors to studios and art spaces, 12:00-5:00pm;
 - Live Jazz with the Rahn Burton Trio at the Peace Love Cafe, 12:00-4:00pm;
 - *Write Your Life: A Free Memoir Writing Workshop* at the Mott Haven Library by BCA's Bronx Writers Center, 2:30-4:00pm;
 - Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos hosts *Eye Am A Man* panel discussion, 3:00-5:00pm.

Sunday, May 1: Artists studios open, 12:00-6:00pm (check listings).

The Annual Mott Haven Open Studio Tour was started in 2004 by a group of artists living and working in the Bronx. Easily accessible via the 4, 5 and 6 subway lines, Mott Haven has been home to a number of art spaces and apartment galleries over the last ten years, including the Blue Ox Bar, BronxArtSpace, Bronx Blue Bedroom Project, Bronx Museum Project Space, Bruckner Gallery, Clocktower Salon, Coqui Mexicano, Gordon Parks Gallery, Green Corner, Hagan Saint Philip Gallery, Haven Arts Gallery, Ironworks Gallery, LDR Studio Gallery, PeaceLove Café, Pregones Theater, Spanic Attack's Bronx Salon, Storage Art Space, Synthetic Zero Art Space. The Bronx Museum of the Arts and The Bronx Council on the Arts' Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos are also nearby. Note that all listings are subject to change.

Each "Bronx Culture Trolley Saturdays" event offers unique programming and runs during the daytime, complementing the long-running "First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley". Visit [www.bronxarts.org](#) for Saturday and Wednesday trolley updates. The trolley is wheelchair accessible.

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