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### **BCA's Bronx Writers Center presents Three Literary Events in May**

(Bronx – May 1, 2015) [Bronx Writers Center](#), a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#), presents three literary events this month, on Saturday, May 16th at [Poe Park Visitor Center](#); Wednesday, 20th at [Bronx Library Center](#) and Friday, May 22nd at [La Casa Azul Book Store](#). Admission is free and all are welcome. **Information:** [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org) or 718-931-9500 x21.

#### **Saturday, May 16, 11:00am-1:00pm at Poe Park Visitor Center**

2640 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10458; Phone: 718-365-5516

#### **Bronx Crime and Noir Writers – *Writing the First Scene* with Bronx Writers Center Director Charlie Vázquez**

You have a point-of-view character and a story in mind. A world to throw him or her into. The first chapter of a novel or novella — or the opening scene of a short story — must grab a reader's attention to keep them reading. How do professional writers achieve this? Find out at this crime and noir fiction workshop devoted entirely to launching your tale and anchoring your readers in the suspense-driven DNA of your story world: the what, when, where, how, why and who. **RSVP:** [https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections\\_a0Fd000000ZjCSpEAN](https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0Fd000000ZjCSpEAN).

#### **Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8:30pm at Bronx Library Center**

310 East Kingsbridge Road (at Briggs Avenue), Bronx, NY 10458; Phone: 718-579-4244

#### ***From Memory to Poetry* with BRIO winner Paul “Pinny” Bulman**

Poetry can be a powerful way to capture memories and tell a personal narrative. Join Pinny Bulman for a selected reading of poems from his “old shul” series which incorporate memories, experiences and imageries from his childhood in pre-gentrified Washington Heights, New York City. Participants will have an opportunity to create and share memory-based poetry in a supportive atmosphere, following the reading. Pinny has been the recipient of several poetry awards (BRIO 2014, ADR Poetry Award 2013) and his poems have appeared in a variety of literary publications, including *Red Paint Hill*, *Poetica*, *The Subterranean Quarterly*, *Poetry Quarterly* and *Mima'amakim*. **RSVP:** [https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections\\_a0Fd000000ZjCTEEA3](https://bronxarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0Fd000000ZjCTEEA3).

#### **Friday, May 22, 6:00-8:00pm at La Casa Azul Book Store**

143 East 103rd Street, NYC 10029; Phone: 212-426-2626

#### ***Bronx Memoir Project* at La Casa Azul**

Join Bronx Writers Center Director Charlie Vázquez and some of the contributors of the breakthrough volume *Bronx Memoir Project – Volume 1* for this special presentation at New York City's leading destination for Latino and people-of-color literature, La Casa Azul Bookstore. Copies of the recent anthology will be available for purchase. Come meet writers and get involved in the Bronx's literary scene!

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The **Bronx Writers Center** is the literary division of the Bronx Council on the Arts and provides free writing workshops and professional development support to writers of all genre and skill levels throughout the borough. For more information email: [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org).

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** (BCA), established in 1962, is the official cultural agency of the Bronx. BCA is 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.

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