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Bronx Culture Trolley Rolls Again on Wednesday, May 4th Exhibitions, Performances, Poetry Slam, and Craft Boutique

(Bronx – April 15, 2011) The **Bronx Culture Trolley**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), **rolls again on Wednesday, May 4th** along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) making stops at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Hostos Repertory Theater](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Pregones Theater](#), [PeaceLove Cafe](#), [BronxArtSpace](#), and the [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome.

May 4th's Trolley begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with a meet-and-greet reception and a viewing of the gallery's current exhibitions. **Observed, Imagined and Recreated** features works by 2009 Urban Artist Initiative Grant (UAI / NYC) winners in visual arts and media, and focuses on the politics of representation, gender, national identity, migration, post-colonial history and politics and their impact on the construction of the self. **EYE AM A MAN: MAN-HOOD in the GAY-HOOD by the ART-HOOD** is an exhibition of paintings, photography, drawing, sculpture and video, exploring gender constructions, religion, machismo, popular and street culture. **Eye Am A Man contains Adult Content.**

The Longwood Art Gallery is celebrating its 30th anniversary as one of New York City's oldest and longest running alternative spaces, presenting solo and group art exhibitions by emerging artists from under-represented groups such as people of color and women, through exhibitions and public programming. For more information on the Longwood Art Gallery and its exhibits, visit www.bronxarts.org or call 718-518-6728.

Also in the Gallery: The Mermaid's Feet – This dialogue in song across the oceans is a collaborative effort between East Harlem-based vocalists Catarina dos Santos and Raquek Z. Rivera who highlight women's experiences with multi-cultural musical traditions. This 6:00pm performance is a presentation of Hostos Center's Young Roots Performance Series. **In the Hostos lobby** BCA's **bronxArtworks Artisans Collective** will display and sell such imaginative creations as Korean knot-tying novelties, crafts, crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, metal sculpture, note cards, paintings, papermache masks and vases, post cards, and more. All items are original designs created by Bronx Artisans. **In the Hostos Repertory Theater: My Words, My Way** – Bronx WritersCorps' fifteenth annual preliminary Youth Poetry Slam begins at 5:00pm. Young poets perform original poetry raising their voices to reveal the truth of their lives and their dreams for the future. Winners of this evening's slam will compete in the May 11th poetry slam finals at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. This evening's slam is hosted by writer/performer Earl Majette and features Abiodun "DUNE" Oyewole of "The Last Poets".

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. Admission to participating venue attractions is free. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the first Wednesday 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.

This month's trolley stops and attractions include: **Bronx Museum of the Arts** where you can tour the museum and view the exhibitions: **Stargazers: Elizabeth Catlett in Conversation with 21 Contemporary Artists**, **Alexandre Arrechea: Orange, Lobby-For-The-Time-Being, Urban Archives, and Happy Together**; **Pregones Theater** for **Portraits of Bronx Renaissance Artists: Part 1** in which photographer Marisol Diaz, through video and still documentation, captures the stories of 13 Bronx artists and their impact on the Bronx in recent years (part of the En Foco Touring Gallery); **Peace Love Café** for a viewing of **Shooting the Bronx**, a multi-media exhibition by photo-bloggers who document the Bronx online; **BronxArtSpace** for a **Synthetic Zero Multi-Disciplinary Event** of art, film, music, and performances; and the **Bruckner Bar & Grill** for a viewing of their current exhibition and "Live Band Karaoke" in which a live band plays and you sing.

For additional information on the Bronx Culture Trolley and the Bronx Cultural Card (which offers percentage off discounts at participating Bronx organizations and business establishments), contact Phil Cardone at 718-931-9500 x33 or at trolley@bronxarts.org. The Bronx Culture Trolley will return on June 1, 2011. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-May for information on June 1st's Bronx Culture Trolley activities as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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