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***Bailando Bomba! Join us on Monday, May 5, 2014,
Arts Bravo! Seniors' Performances and Big Read!!!***

(April 28, 2014 — Bronx NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts invites you to its second **Arts Bravo! Big Read Senior Performance** featuring dance performances by seniors on Monday, May 5th, from 11:00am-12:30pm, at Lincoln Hospital Auditorium located at 234 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10451, just one block east of the Grand Concourse. This year we are proud to present **Bailando la Bomba y Plena** with dance performance and live Big Read Senior Performance with live bomba drumming by **Bombazo Dance Company** and a Big Read book giveaway. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP: <http://050514dftalincoln.eventbrite.com>.

Bailando la Bomba y La Plena conceived, directed and choreographed by **Militeri Tucker Concepcion**, Director of Bombazo Dance Company (r.) features Las Bomberas de Erma Cava Senior Center and Bombazo Dance Co. Ms. Tucker Concepcion has been working with the seniors, as part of an in an eight-week residency, in the pedagogy and art of dancing Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena. During that time, the seniors learned songs, basic modern dance movements — elements that have been incorporated in to their presentation. A special original poetry composition will be recited by the seniors.

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About Militeri Tucker and Bombazo Co.

Militeri Tucker was born and raised in Puerto Rico and raised in Ponce, PR. She currently lives and works in NYC. She is the choreographer and artistic director of Bombazo Dance Company. Militeri is the premier lead dancer of the Puerto Rican Folkloric dance company Danza Fiesta, under the direction of Hilda Rivera Pantojas. She has performed in the 2003 Macy's Day Parade, Puerto Rican Day Parade, Summer Stage Central Park, South Street Sea Port's summer festivals as well as Merkin Hall theatre at Lincoln Center, City Center, The Kaye, El Museo del Barrio, Harlem Stage, Hostos Theatre in the Bronx, BAAD directed Arturo Aviles, Thalia Spanish Theatre, Poets Theatre, Greens Space studio Theatre, The Players Theatre in Gramercy Park. Television appearances include: Telemundo, Univision 41, WB11, NBC and QPTV.

Bombazo Dance Co. members include Militeri Tucker Concepcion, Oreste Abrantes, Okai and Nelson Ramirez. They are a Bronx dance company that fuses folkloric elements with contemporary and social styles of dance, while still preserving the authenticity of 'the Puerto Rican and Hispanic community. Bombazo was the only dance company from the Bronx invited to perform at the New Orleans Congo Square New Rhythm and World Festival in March 2014. Learn more about them at www.bombazodanceco.com.

About Lincoln Art Exchange: BCA is proud to be a partner organization with Lincoln Hospital in their initial launching of the Lincoln Art Exchange, an artist-specific healthcare program at Lincoln Hospital offering a unique option for eligible NYC-based artists who do not have health insurance to exchange their creative services for comprehensive healthcare.

About DFTA: The mission of the New York City Department for the Aging is "to work for the empowerment, independence, dignity and quality of life of the City's diverse older adults and for the support of their families through advocacy, education and the coordination and delivery of services."

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