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May 6th Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour: Exhibitions | Book Reading | Gallery Tour | Artists Studio Tours

(Bronx, NY – April 17, 2015) **The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), rolls again on May 6th with an evening of exhibitions at BCA's [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Andrew Freedman Home](#), [Bronx Documentary Center](#), [BronxArtSpace](#) and [WallWorks Gallery](#). Additionally, the evening will include *Dubbed/ inTransport*, a reflective graffiti installation on both sides of the trolley, making the trolley, itself, a temporary art installation with glowing letters, lighting it up as it travels and departs from Hostos. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board the trolley and enjoy them.

May 6th's trolley begins at 5:00pm at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) for the closing reception for *Lasting Legacies* and *Dubbed: Lady K Fever*. **Lasting Legacies: Ellsworth Ausby, Xenobia Bailey, Honey Kassoy and Olga Kitt** highlights the work of four dynamic elder artists from [BCA's Creating A Living Legacy \(CALL\) Program](#). This exhibition features their sculptures, paintings, graffiti and textile art. BCA CALL is an outgrowth of the Joan Mitchell Foundation CALL program that connects elder artists with BCA-trained Legacy Specialists who teach CALL artists how to document and archive their life's work. **Dubbed: Lady K Fever**, an installation by Lady K Fever (Kathleena Howie) and curated by Bronx artist and 2013 BCA BRIO winner Laura Napier, is a fresh, innovative installation – the artist's first solo NYC exhibition. Working in the Gallery's Project Room during the days prior to her opening, Lady K Fever remixed her own work, layering graffiti vernacular, drawings, paintings on plexiglass and cardboard, razor wire, transparencies, found objects, and selfies with her signature abstract expressive flora and botanicals. **Dubbed/ inTransport reflective graffiti installation** – An ephemeral installation by Bronx artist Lady K Fever in which the words "Boogie Down" are formed in reflective tape and mounted temporarily on panels on both sides of the May trolley, making trolley, itself, a temporary art installation with letters that will glow and reflect in the dark, lighting up the trolley as it travels and departs from Hostos. **Also in the Gallery**, Bronx Writers Center Director Charlie Vázquez will be handing out promotional materials for the PEN American Center International Literary Festival and to inform the public on how BCA, Bronx Museum of the Arts and PEN American Center will be collaborating on exciting new writing workshops and panel presentation on May 7th at the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

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 trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The 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.

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include:

- **Bronx Museum of the Arts:** (1) **"Reading & Conversations"** features excerpts from the graphic novel *Ghetto Brother*. Author Julian Voloj will be joined by Benjamin Melendez, the protagonist of the book, as well as Joseph Mpa, a former Black Panther activist. (2) **Free Guided Tour of the Museum's Current Exhibitions:** *Craft and Colony: from the Arachnae Series* by Aristides Logothetis; *Escape Route: Paintings and Drawings* by Jeffrey Spencer Hargrave; *Jaime Davidovich: Adventures of the Avant-Garde*; *Please Touch*; *Three Photographers from the Bronx*; *Cuba Libre!*; and *Highlights from the Permanent Collection*;
- **Andrew Freedman Home** for a 6:00-10:00pm tour of the studios of their 18 artists-in-residence.
- **Bronx Documentary Center** for an exhibition by En Foco's 18th New Works Photography Fellowship Awardees;
- **Bronx Art Space** for a viewing of *Perfect Lovers* featuring black & white works by eight artists that speak about contemporary "loves" which inevitably go out of synch, but nevertheless retain a sense of poetry through time.
- **WallWorks Gallery** for a viewing of *MadC - Bits & Pieces*, an exhibition by German graffiti artist MadC known for her large-scale outdoor artistic works.

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on June 3, 2015. Visit www.bronxarts.org in mid-May for information on June 3rd's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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