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The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on May 7th **Exhibitions | Book Signing | Big Read Book Giveaways**

(Bronx – April 28, 2014) **The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on May 7th** with an evening of exhibitions at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#). The Bronx Museum of the Arts additionally features a book signing and reading and the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos includes a Big Read book giveaway. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

May 7th's Trolley begins at 5:00pm at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with the closing reception for **GAY**, an exhibition that examines the cultural shift that has taken place in identity within the last decade by looking at the production of gay male artists of color from 2003-2013. Through painting, drawing, sculpture, video, performance and text, the artists in the exhibition interrogate, de-construct, embrace and celebrate the gay label. Artists include: David Antonio Cruz, Jose Joaquin Figueroa, Cacy Forgenie, Lawrence Graham-Brown, Imani Henry, Steve Locke, Rafael Melendez, Lucas Michael, Troy Michie, Netza Moreno, Twiggy Pucci Garçon, Carlo Quispe, Carlos Sandoval De Leon, Jacolby Satterwhite, Hector Silva, Rob Vassilarakis, Charlie Vázquez, Antonio Vicenty and Dorian Wood. On view through May 7, 2014. **This show contains adult content.**

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 Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour runs on the **First Wednesdays** 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:

- **The Bronx Museum of the Arts** for a book signing and reading by **Raquel Cepeda** who discusses her book ***Bird of Paradise: How I Became Latina***. Also you can tour the museum's current exhibitions: **Bronx Lab: Performing the Library** displays works from the 2013 "Performing the Library" workshop; **Nina Talbot: Veterans** features ten paintings that convey rarely told personal stories of American men and women from the U.S. Military; **Shyu Ruey-Shiann: One Kind of Behavior** is an installation, inspired by the quasi-mechanical movements of creatures such as the hermit crabs, which uses different materials and media to explore themes related to our environment; **Beyond the Supersquare**, featuring more than 30 artists and 60+ artworks, explores the indelible influence of Latin American and Caribbean modernist architecture on contemporary art; and **Rethinking the Garden Casita**, in which TEN Arquitectos and engineers were enlisted to rethink the traditional casita as a modular kit of parts that can function off the grid on a daily basis in the event of another citywide disaster like Sandy.
- **BronxArtSpace** for **The Other/Under Side** features works by **Dennis Redmoon Darkeem**, **Ryan Garvey** and **Skowmon Hastanan**. **Garvey's** creations from playground litter and drug paraphernalia represent the "footprints" and visual patterns of urban life. **Hastanan's** "Obscure Objects of Desire," panels of Haiku written with text appropriated from "Oriental" sex ads, are juxtaposed with garden catalog imagery. **Darkeem's** work combines the vivid color of traditional Native American craftwork with critiques of social and political issues affecting contemporary U.S. and indigenous cultures.

The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on June 4, 2014 and will include the 2014 BRIO check presentation ceremony. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-May for information on June 4th's trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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