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## Library, BCA offer Scandinavian Song

The Bronx Library Center and the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), wind up the 2006-2007 season of “First Wednesdays at the Bronx Library Center” on June 6th with a free concert by award-winning soprano Elly Erickson. The program will take place on Wednesday June 6th at 12:15pm at the Bronx Library Center at 310 East Kingsbridge Road at Briggs Avenue in the Bronx. It is open to the public and admission is free. The center is wheelchair accessible.

June’s program, An Afternoon of Scandinavian Song, features Elly Erickson, an American soprano of Scandinavian descent and two-time BRIO award winner. The roots of the Bronx, originally settled by the Swede Jonas Bronck in 1639, lie in the Northern countries of Scandinavia. Weaving a musical tapestry of Nordic love, joy, and melancholy, soprano Ms. Erickson will perform a colorful afternoon of romantic songs by Grieg, Sibelius, Rangström, Sjöberg, Petersen-Berger, Backer-Grøndahl, and other breathtaking melodies by lesser-known Scandinavian composers. Anthony Greene, Director of Education for the Bronx County Historical Society, will give a special introduction before Ms. Erickson’s performance.

The BRIO program provides support for artistic development of individuals creating works of literary, media, performing, and visual arts in the Bronx. A total of 22 BRIO grants of \$2,500 each are awarded annually to individual artists residing in the Bronx. An important and integral component of BRIO is ACE (Artists for Community Enrichment), which requires that each awardee presents a one-time public service activity within the one-year period of the award. This initiative was created to provide artists with additional visibility.

For information about other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, including the Bronx Culture Trolley, call 718-93109500 x33.



*Soprano Elly Erickson*