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## *En Foco Gallery summer exhibition*

Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), presents New Works #16: An Exhibition of En Foco's 2012-2013 New Works Photography Fellowship Awardees, on view from June 5 through August 30 at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos.

Join in for the opening reception and meet the artists on Wednesday, June 5, 5 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley and 24th annual BRIO Awards presentation

Longwood Art Gallery

is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This show is a collaboration of BCA's Longwood Arts Project and En Foco.

Artists include Mercedes Dorame, Yujin Liao, Daniel Ballesteros, Jared Soares and Rodrigo Valenzuela, who were selected by guest juror Natasha Egan, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago.

Each artist's work is unique in form; Liao explores the roles of sex and

power in a heterosexual relationship while Dorame dissects ceremonial spaces and cultural memory of what was once her ancestor's land. Ballesteros work is about the search for identity without the aid of histories and the need for self-invention where assimilation has effectively erased cultural influences. Soares work documents hip hop in small towns in Virginia and North Carolina while Valenzuela digitally builds each photograph, generating the illusion of seamless landscapes that evoke a sense of loneliness.