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Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on Wednesday, June 2nd with the 21st annual BRIO awards presentation, special honorees, exhibitions, performances, and more!

(Bronx – May 24, 2010) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) celebrates the 21st anniversary of its prestigious BRIO Award on Wednesday, June 2nd as part of that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, located at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street.

The BRIO award presentation is among the many activities taking place during the evening which includes a viewing of three exhibitions and a student mural at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#); [bronxArtworks](#) Artisans boutique, a tour of three exhibitions at the [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), a photo exhibition at Pregones Theater, a photo/video presentation at [BronxArtSpace](#), a new exhibition at LDR Studio Gallery, a literary performance at the [Mott Haven Library](#), and an art exhibition and karaoke after-party at the [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). The [Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to most venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



June 2nd's Trolley begins at 5:00pm with a meet-and-greet reception at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College and a viewing of its current exhibitions ...*in the City: Memory, Places and Spaces*, *Transmit-Transit*, and *Impractical Hats: Indie Crafts Reinvent Everyday Gear*. The meet-and-greet will be followed by a 6:00pm **BRIO awards presentation** ceremony for the twenty-five BRIO winners of 2010.

In addition to the BRIO winners, the Bronx Council on the Arts will present four awards to special members and friends of the arts community: musician, composer **Mike Amadeo**; jazz legend **Lou Donaldson**; BronxWorks Executive Director **Carolyn McLaughlin**; and District Director and Senior Policy Advisor for Economic Development and Employment for the Office of Congressman Jose E. Serrano **Cheryl Simmons-Oliver**.

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 Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. *Admission to most participating venue attractions is free.* The Bronx Culture 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.

FIRST STOP: Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street / 718-681-6000) for a special tour of three exhibitions on view: *Road to Freedom: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1956-1968*; *After 1968: Contemporary Artists and the Civil Rights Legacy*; and *Urban Archives: Happy Together*. Plus a lobby installation by Acconci Studio.

NEXT STOP: Pregones Theater (571-575 Walton Avenue, off 149th Street / 718-585-1212) for a viewing of *Tango, Never Before Midnight*. Photographs by Adriana Groisman -- a presentation of En Foco's Traveling Gallery on view in the Pregones lobby.

NEXT STOP: BronxArtSpace (305 East 140th Street / 718-401-8144) for the opening of *Portraits of Bronx Renaissance Artists, Part 1*, an historical photo and video documentation of Bronx artists by Marisol Diaz.

NEXT STOP: Mott Haven Branch of the New York Public Library (321 East 140th Street / 718-665-4878) for a staged reading by BRIO winner Camille Darby and troupe of her original one-act play *Sweetest Taboo*. This is a presentation of BCA's BxIndie Literary Series.

NEXT STOP: LDR Studio Gallery (137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10, 4th Floor / 917-558-2389) for a viewing of *The Price is Life*, a new exhibition by duo Dude & Magnus.

FINAL STOP: Bruckner Gallery at the Bruckner Bar & Grill (1 Bruckner Blvd. / 845-729-5467) for a viewing of Dan Asher's photo exhibition of icebergs. The exhibition will be followed by a Karaoke after-party. Drink specials and full menu will be available. Come to sing, laugh or just watch as you wind down your trolley night.

Directions: The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street, at a busy intersection, just steps from the subway station and bus stop. By subway, take the #2, 4 or 5 IRT trains to 149th Street and the Grand Concourse. By bus, take the BX1 or BX19 to 149th Street and the Grand Concourse.

For additional information on the Bronx Culture Trolley, contact Phil Cardone at 718-931-9500 x33 or at trolley@bronxarts.org. The Bronx Culture Trolley will roll again on July 7, 2010. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-June for information on July 7th's Bronx Culture Trolley activities as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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