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¡VIVA Cultura!
Bronx Council on the Arts and “Culture Trolley Saturdays”
Celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage in the Bronx on June 4th
Featuring a Cha Cha Class Taught by Renowned Dancer Rodney Lopez

(May 24, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts presents an afternoon of free trolley rides and attractions as “**Culture Trolley Saturdays**” returns, from **12:00 to 5:00pm on June 4th** with **¡VIVA Cultura!** – A Celebration of Puerto Rican Heritage in the Bronx. The day is co-hosted by mixed-media artist Melissa Calderon who performs her “Untour of Art + Culture in the Bronx” on board the trolley. The day begins and ends at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. Admission is free and all are welcome. Call Leenda at 718-931-9500 x23 for information.



The trolley will be making continuous loops to and from the venues below throughout the afternoon. On board the trolley, choreographer Militeri Tucker will perform from 12:00-1:00pm, as part of the Works-in-Motion performance series, with special musical collaboration by percussionist William Tucker of “Bomba Yo”. Hop on and off the trolley throughout the day to enjoy the following free afternoon line-up.

12:00 – 5:00pm: Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) features three exhibitions: *Born Again: A Lebanese-Dominican Dominican York is Born Again as a Bronxite*; *Eight Artists Respond to Born Again*; and *En Castellano and in other Languages: Video Artists From Andalucía and the Bronx*.

12:00 – 5:00pm: Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street) where you’ll meet international visual and performance artist Romy Pocztaruk, one of the museum’s artists-in-residency and have an opportunity to visit her studio in the museum’s south wing.

10:00am – 6:00pm: 152nd Street Cultural Festival, Jackson through Tinton Avenues, is a family-oriented, outdoor event with Puerto Rican foods, arts, crafts, promotional sponsors and musical bands.

1:30 – 3:00pm: Mott Haven Library (321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue) presents storytelling with Bobby Gonzalez of Pura Belpre’s Folk Stories. Tales include *Martina the Cockroach*, *Amapola and the Butterfly*, *Senor Billy Goat* and more.

2:30 – 4:00pm: Mott Haven Library (321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue) features **Carlos Arroyo: Mr. Cha Cha Taps**, an exhibition honoring Carlos Arroyo, whose passion for dance took him all around the world, meeting and performing with some of the best Latin and North American musicians of the ‘50s and ‘60s. **Special Event: A Cha Cha Class** will be taught by renowned dancer Rodney Lopez who was featured in the Paramount Classics hit documentary *Mad Hot Ballroom*. Don’t miss it!

3:30 – 4:00pm: Friends of Brook Park (between 140th and 141st Streets at the corner of Brook Avenue) presents an Indigenous Dance performance by the **Kalpulli Huehuetlahtolli Group** performing danza Mexica, the fire dance, water dance, mother earth dance, wind dance, corn dance.

12:00 – 5:00pm: BRAC on the Block at BronxArtSpace (305 East 140th Street) [Bronx River Art Center](http://BronxRiverArtCenter.org) (BRAC) presents of *AKA – Active Knowledge Academy*, an exhibition in which artist Hector Canonge turns the gallery into a lab for selected artists (faculty), participants (students), and the administrator (Canonge in the role of Dean). Classes become the exhibition.

12:00pm – 5:00pm: LDR Studio Gallery (137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10, 4th floor) presents *Exhibition in Salute to the NYC Puerto Rican Day Parade 2011*.

12:00 – 5:00pm: XL Studio (2417 3rd Avenue, #403B) presents an exhibition of mixed-media, painting, photography, and sculpture by Leenda Bonilla, Marisol Diaz, Xavier Figueroa, and Luis Pagan.

Information: Saturdays@bronxarts.org, 718-931-9500 x23, or 718-518-6728.

Directions to Hostos: 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.

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