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New Works #16:

An Exhibition of En Foco's 2012-2013 New Works Photography Fellowship Awardees Opening Reception: Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos

(May 23, 2013—Bronx) 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, 2013 at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. Join us for the opening reception and meet the artists on Wednesday, June 5th, 5:00-9:00pm, 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.

Established in 1981, the Longwood Arts Project is the Bronx Council on the Arts' contemporary art center supporting artists and their work, especially emerging and under-represented artists through exhibitions and public programming. Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, one of New York City's oldest and longest running alternative spaces, presents solo and group art exhibitions in various media, and interdisciplinary projects that connect artists, communities, and ideas within and beyond the Bronx.

En Foco's New Works Photography Fellowship Award is an annual program selecting several U.S.-based photographers of Latino, African or Asian heritage and Native Peoples of the Americas and Pacific, through a free, national call for entries. New Works #17 is now open for call for entries, with a deadline of June 30th, 2013. For more information about En Foco and how to apply for the New Works Photography Fellowship Awards, please visit www.enfoco.org.



Mercedes Dorame Smoke to Water, 2013, from In the Beginning: Imagined Origin Stories series, Archival pigment print, 20 x 20", Ed. 1 of 5.



Yijun (Pixy) Liao Play Station, 201, from the Experimental Relationships series, Digital C-Print, 11 x 14", Ed. 1 of 5

Summer Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12:00-6:00pm; Wednesday, by appointment only. The gallery is closed on Saturdays and holidays. **Directions:** 2, 4 & 5 trains or Bx1, Bx19 buses to Grand Concourse and 149 Street. **Information:** 718-518-6728 or www.bronxarts.org.

Tuesday, June 4, 2013: Special Press Preview, 5:30-7:00pm, Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos.

Visit www.bronxarts.org for additional information.

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