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## June 5th First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley

### BRIO Reception | Exhibitions | Outdoor Installation | Book Signing | Film Screening

(Bronx – May 17, 2013) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) celebrates the 24th anniversary of its prestigious BRIO Award (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) with a reception and networking event on Wednesday, June 5th as part of the evening's Bronx Culture Trolley at Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street.



**The BRIO reception** is among the many activities taking place along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#), including art exhibitions at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [The Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Pregones Theater](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#), then feel free to wind down your trolley night at [The Clock Café & Martini Bar](#). **The Bronx Culture Trolley** is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

**June 5th Trolley** begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with the opening reception for **New Works #16: An Exhibition of En Foco's 2012-2013 New Works Photography Fellowship Awardees**. En Foco and BCA present this exhibition featuring 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 creates his own version of nostalgia by documenting land and structure in desolated areas throughout the U.S.

**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. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on **First Wednesdays** 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.

**In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**, this month's trolley stops and attractions include: **The Bronx Museum of the Arts** for readings and conversations with Bronx filmmaker and author **James Gillard** in the North Wing Lobby, who discusses his book *If Harlem Could Talk It Would Scream!* Stick around for a guided tour of the museum's exhibitions: **Joan Semmel: A Lucid Eye**, a group of self-portraits that reveal the artist's unique vision and process, and **Honey, I Rearranged the Collection**, featuring selected artworks from the Museums' permanent collection; **Andrew Freedman Mansion** for **Collective Energy: Skate the Bronx**, in which Seven Bronx-based artists are featured in a large-scale, outdoor installation on the mansion's front lawn; **Pregones Theater** for a screening of *Masters of the Sea*, Jules Verne's animated adventures of Mathias Sandorf and his a crew of amazing individuals with superhuman powers; **BRAC @ BronxArtSpace** for a viewing of **Process and Progress 5**, an exhibition where artists, designers and community engage with systems of urban development in the Bronx and beyond; and the **Clock Cafe & Martini Bar** where you can chow down on fine food and drink and view their current art exhibition.

The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-June for information on July 3rd's Bronx Culture Trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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