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**“En Castellano and in other Languages: Video Artists From Andalucía and the Bronx”
opens at BCA’s Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos on Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

(May 10, 2011 — Bronx, NY) The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, the contemporary art center of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), presents **“En Castellano and in other Languages: Video Artists From Andalucía and the Bronx”**, co-curated Juan Ramon Barbancho and Nicolas Dumit Estevez.

The show is on view from June 1 through August 3, 2011 with an opening reception on Wednesday, June 1, from 5:00-9:00pm, in conjunction with that evening’s Bronx Culture Trolley. Longwood is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This curatorial project presents three artists from Andalucía and three from the Bronx whose work engages in cultural memory, popular rituals and the day-to-day in the streets of two distant or not-so-distant locations, one in Europe and the other in the Americas.



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The Spanish artists are preoccupied with holding onto their own culture, which sometimes exists only through fragile memories that run the risk of hybridization with the culture of a stronger, dominant group. In addition to defending aspects of their culture against aggression from without, they are also wary of becoming a subculture, as often happens in marginal areas -- ways of life that are the result of globalization.

Their Bronx counterparts are more absorbed in a meticulous observation of the city and its inhabitants and, in some cases, in the implementation of simple but revealing interventions that are implemented within the urban space. City life in all of its ramifications is encrypted in a language which these artists are invested in decoding.

Participating Artists: Nicky Enright, Amparo Garrido, Valeriano López, Laura Napier, Juan Carlos Robles and Christopher Smith.

About the Title of this Exhibition: *Español* [Spanish], as the inhabitants of the Americas refer to *Castellano* [Castilian, the language of Castile], is a quotidian element in polyglot New York City, bringing together people from the most dissimilar cultural backgrounds. *Español/Castellano* can also be an easy starting point to get New Yorkers to join a harmonious conversation or a heated discussion, as well as a common thread between two continents.

Longwood Arts Project, celebrating it’s 30th anniversary, is the Bronx Council on the Arts’ contemporary art center with a mission to support artists and their work, especially emerging and under-represented artists and groups, and through events and exhibits at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Digital Matrix Commissions Program, and public programs that provide free opportunities to foster and inspire and open cultural dialogue.

Gallery Hours: Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is open Monday through Friday from 10:00am-6:00pm. It is closed on Sundays and major holidays. **Directions to Hostos:** The Longwood Art Gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Bronx. Transportation: IRT 4 & 5, Bx1, Bx19 to Grand Concourse and 149 Street. **Information:** 718-518-6728 or www.bronxarts.org.

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