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## Bronx Council on the Arts' BxIndie

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** BxIndie Music Series presents soprano Melissa Primavera and tenor Brandon McReynolds, both 2009 BCA BRIO winners, performing selections for opera lovers of all ages in a 7 pm concert at the Riverdale Y PerformanceSpace on Tues., June 29. All are welcome.

Tickets are \$10 (general) and \$8 (students and seniors) and can be purchased at [riverdaley.org](http://riverdaley.org) and at the door.

A \$2 discount will be offered to holders of BCA's Bronx Cultural Card. The Riverdale Y is located at 5625 Arlington Avenue in the Riverdale section.

For information about the Y, call (718) 548-8200 or visit their website. The Riverdale Y is wheelchair accessible.

Noted for her "glowing" and "sumptuous" voice, soprano Melissa Primavera has delighted audiences in the greater New York City area. Of her performance as "Antonia" in *Tales of Hoffmann* Michael Caruso wrote, "She sang with dramatic intensity, impassioned lyricism and touching intimacy."

She has delighted audiences with her comedic portrayals of "Susanna" in *The Marriage of Figaro*, "Despina" in *Così fan tutte* and "Adele" in *Die Fledermaus*. Melissa's operatic repertoire also

includes: "Nannetta" in *Falstaff*, "Magda" in *La Rondine*, "Monica" in *The Medium*, "Constance" in *Dialogues of the Carmelites* and "Frasquita" in *Carmen*.

In 2009 Melissa was awarded the BRIO Award and made her European and Italian concert debut as a member of the *Incontro Accademico Internazionale di Musica e Teatro Bolzano, Italia*. She resides in the Bronx and studies privately with Amy Johnson.

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