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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**2013 National Jewish Book Award Finalist Alan Sidransky  
Presents his New Book at BCA's Bronx Writers Center on June 21st**

(June 12, 2014 — Bronx, NY) 2013 National Jewish Book Award Finalist A. J. Sidransky will present his new book, *Stealing a Summer's Afternoon*, at the Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) Bronx Writers Center on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 6:00-8:00pm.

This book/author presentation has been organized by Bronx Writers Center director Charlie Vázquez and will take place at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 East Tremont Avenue (at the corner of St. Raymond Avenue) in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.

Of the event, Vázquez says "Bronx natives and residents are publishing their books more than ever before, so we need to know and support those works. Bronx writing reflects our borough's history, whether we realize it or not, so I'm very excited about these new author/book presentations we'll be hosting. If anything it's an honor as a Bronx native."



Alan Sidransky's latest novel, *Stealing a Summer's Afternoon*, tells the tale of Elliot Serlin, who is having the worst week of his life. He is losing everything and is desperate to avoid financial ruin. Unwilling to tell his wife for fear she'll leave him, Elliot sets out planning an elaborate, if not quite foolproof, art heist. Author and Bronx native A.J. Sidransky was selected as a finalist for the Outstanding Debut Novel by the National Jewish Book Awards in 2013.

**The Bronx Writers Center** supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx and searches for and promotes new community voices and audiences via literary and literacy programs. The Bronx Council on the Arts is a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County for more than 50 years. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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