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25 artists with BRIOs

Twenty-five Bronx artists were recipients of the Bronx Council on the Arts' prestigious Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) Award for artistic excellence at an award presentation on Wednesday, June 1 held at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College. The ceremony marked the twenty-second anniversary of BRIO, and is one of many activities included in that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley which included three exhibitions at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos and a number of free Bronx Culture Trolley activities along the Bronx Cultural Corridor.

The 2011 BRIO Award recipients will each receive a grant of \$3,000. They are:

Literary Arts: Literary Arts: Joseph Caceres (fiction), Dominic Colon (playwriting), Derek Lively (screenwriting), Linda Manning (screenwriting), Urayoan Noel (poetry), Anna Purvis (fiction), Carlos Serrano (playwriting), Dianne Sposito (playwriting), Sarah Stern (poetry), and Julio Toro (screenwriting).

Media Arts: Nadia Hallgren / Documentary Film.

Performing Arts: Janna Baty (vocal music performance), Steven Lubin (instrumental music performance), Maxim Pakhomov (instrumental music performance), Jen Shyu (music composition), Wilhelmina Smith (instrumental music performance), and Doug Wamble (music composition).

Visual Arts: Gerardo Cipriani (photography), Donna Diamond (printmaking/drawing), Darnell Edwards (painting), Francisco Fernandez (painting), Michael Ferris, Jr. (sculpture), Xavier Figueroa (installation), Skowman Hastanan (painting), and Diana Rivera (photography).

BRIO awardees must complete a one-time public service activity to receive their complete cash award. Known as the ACE (Artists for Community Enrichment), this activity is an essential component for all BRIO recipients and must be performed within the one-year period of their award.

The ACE provides artists with additional visibility and demonstrates to the community the wealth of artistic talent available in our borough.

BRONX COUNCIL OF ARTS PRESENTS BRIO AWARDS AT LONGWOOD GALLERY

The Bronx Council on the Arts presented 25 Bronx Recognizes Its Own Awards to artists on Wednesday, June 1 at the Longwood Art Gallery. The ceremony marked the 22nd anniversary of the BRIOs, and included awards in literary, performing, media, and visual arts. The BRIOs require that each artist perform a one-time public-service project. The criteria used to judge the artists is solely artistic excellence.

L-r) Visual arts winner Xavier Figueroa and photographer Diana Rivera celebrating their BRIO awards.

