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Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour rolls again on July 2nd

(Bronx – June 17, 2014) **The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour rolls again on July 2nd** with an evening of exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Documentary Center and BronxArtSpace. The Bronx Museum of the Arts additionally features a book signing and reading. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

July 2nd's Trolley begins at 5:00pm at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with two exhibitions: ***The Time Has Come*** and ***PERCENT FOR GREEN.*** *The Time has Come* is BRIO's (**B**ronx **R**ecognizes **I**ts **O**wn) fourth artist biennial curated by Longwood Director Juanita Lanzo and featuring works by Bronx artists who are 2012 and 2013 BCA BRIO winners in the disciplines of visual and media arts. Artists include Manuel Acevedo, Jeanine Alfieri, Michael Paul Britto, Mark Cabaroy, Firan Chisolm, Onyedika Chuke, Dennis Delgado, Donna Diamond, Sharyn Finnegan, Sean P. Gallegos, Swati Khurana, Ruth Marshall, Adel L. Morales, Laura Napier, Elle Pérez, Amy Pryor, Stephanie Rodríguez, Hrvoje Slovenc, Jennifer Tomaiolo, and Randal Wilcox. ***PERCENT FOR GREEN****,* curated by Regina Cornwell, is a social practice piece by Bronx artist Alicia Grullón that looks at green issues and uses Praxis intervention ideas to connect climate change to urban poverty, sustainability and diversity. In conjunction with this exhibition, Alicia Grullón will host a series of roundtables, events and community intergenerational conversations throughout the length of the exhibition. Visit bronxarts.org for dates and details. Both exhibitions are on view through August 6th.

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 Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The trolley runs on the **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** — Come for the book signing and reading; stay for the tour! Author Gary Johnston will discuss his book *Tears of Answered Prayer*, the story of how love is lost when pride and ego get in the way. Then tour the museum's current exhibitions: ***In print / Imprint: Works from the Permanent Collection*** — Prints and graphic-art from the Museum's Permanent Collection; ***Nina Talbot: Veterans*** — Ten paintings conveying rarely-told personal stories of America's military men and women; ***Shyu Ruey-Shiann: One Kind of Behavior*** — An installation inspired by the movements of such creatures as the hermit crabs; ***Beyond the Supersquare*** — An exhibition by 30+ artists and 60+ Latin American and Caribbean influenced artworks; and ***Rethinking the Garden Casita*** — Traditional casita engineered to function off the grid in the event of a citywide disaster;
- **BronxArtSpace** — Come and view ***Language is Identity****,* an exhibition exploring language and how it plays a role in the maintenance of our individual and collective identities and at the same time serves as a vehicle to help us revise our identity as we interact with new environments, people and experiences; and
- **Bronx Documentary Center** — In the Center's current exhibition, ***The '60s: Decade of Change***, photographer Benedict J. Fernandez captures powerful and emotionally-resonant moments of America during the tumultuous 1960s.

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on August 6, 2014. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-July for information on August 6th's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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