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July 3rd First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley Exhibitions | Outdoor Installation | Book Signing | Dance Performance

(Bronx – June 17, 2013) The **Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, July 3rd** with an evening of art exhibitions along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Andrew Freedman Mansion](#) and [BronxArtSpace](#). Additionally, the Bronx Museum invites you to a book signing and reading by Annie Rachelle Lanzilotto and [Pregones Theater](#) presents a dance performance. When your trolley night is over, you can wind down with some fine food and drink at [Clock Café and Martini Bar](#). The [Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



July 3rd's Trolley begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with a 5:00pm meet-and-greet reception and a viewing for **New Works #16: An Exhibition of En Foco's 2012-2013 New Works Photography Fellowship Awardees**. En Foco and BCA present this exhibition featuring Mercedes Dorame, Yujin Liao, Daniel Ballesteros, Jared Soares and Rodrigo Valenzuela, who were selected by guest juror Natasha Egan, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago. Each artist's work is unique in form. Liao explores the roles of sex and power in a heterosexual relationship while Dorame dissects ceremonial spaces and cultural memory of what was once her ancestor's land. Ballesteros' work is about the search for identity without the aid of histories and the need for self-invention where assimilation has effectively erased cultural influences. Soares' work documents hip hop in small towns in Virginia and North Carolina, while Valenzuela creates his own version of nostalgia by documenting land and structure in desolated areas throughout the U.S.

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 Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on **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** for readings and conversations with Bronx author **Annie Rachelle Lanzilotto** in the North Wing Lobby, who discusses her latest book of poetry, **Schistsong**. Stick around for a guided tour of the museum's exhibitions: (1) **State State of Mind: New California Art Circa 1970** – 150 works of video, film, photography, installation, artist's books, drawing, and paintings by 60 artists; (2) **Bronx Calling: The Second AIM Biennial** features the work of 73 emerging artists engaged in the Artist in the Marketplace (AIM) Program (classes of 2012 and 2013). (3) **Solace on the Line** – *New York Times* photographer Todd Heisler and journalist Susan Hartman's photo essay about a prayer call that unites members of the Bronx's Ebenezer Assembly of God Church;
- **Andrew Freedman Mansion** for **Collective Energy: Skate the Bronx**, in which seven Bronx-based artists are featured in a large-scale, outdoor installation on the mansion's front lawn, then stick around for a brief tour of the mansion;
- **Pregones Theater** for **LERO**, a dance performance inspired by the history of the life of our African ancestors in the island of Puerto Rico with traditional Bomba percussion, choreographed by Milteri Tucker Conception and featuring Bombazo Dance Company;
- **BronxArtSpace** for a **Synthetic Zero multi-disciplinary event** featuring visual artists, performers, music, video and film.

The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Visit www.bronxarts.org in mid-July for information on August 7th's Bronx Culture Trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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