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**Ray Viera Performs Trombao at 52 Park as part of
The Bronx Council on the Arts' BX Indie Concert Series**

(July 16, 2009 — Bronx, NY) BX Indie presents two sets of free live music by salsa star **Ray Viera** of his work *Trombao* on **Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30pm and 9:30pm at 52 Park/Teatro Miranda** (located at Kelly St between Ave. St. John and Leggett) hosted by 52 People for Progress, Inc. This concert is sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts and Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture.

Ray Viera was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Since childhood he has listened to the recordings of the great "Soneros", such as Hector Lavoe, Ismael Rivera, Ishmael Miranda, Chamaco Ramirez and Marvin Santiago. Collectively, these artists have inspired Ray to pursue his goals, combining their musical influences into his own

vocal style and sensibility. Now he presents his latest endeavor, a refreshing and swinging production titled "TROMBAO" which he produced and composed nine of the ten songs. "TROMBAO" made it to the second round of the Grammy nomination process in 2008. Join us for the unique blend of musica by one of the new generation "Soneros" who blends the traditional style of Salsa with the flexibility of a crooner and a progressive, modern outlook.



Salsa Star Ray Viera will perform in a free concert of Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30pm & 9:30pm at 52 Park/Teatro Miranda as part of the Bronx Council on the Arts' BX Indie Concert Series. All are welcome.



BX Indie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore performance sites, to break new ground in various musical genres and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation and fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. The venue for this latest BX Indie performance is named after **52 People for Progress, Inc.**, an advocacy group that has maintained the park since 1980. BX Indie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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