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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
kick off 2014 Summer Concert Series in the Northwest Bronx
on Tuesday, July 29th at Amalgamated Housing's Train Park**

(July 21, 2014 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz kick off a six-performance summer concert series in the Northwest Bronx on **Tuesday, July 29th, 7:00-9:00pm**, with a performance by **John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band** at **Amalgamated Housing's Train Park**. Seating is limited, so bring folding chairs if you have them.

Our venue host and co-presenter for the evening is Amalgamated / Park Reservoir Housing Cooperatives at 98 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, New York 10463. Phone: 718-796-9300. The Train Park is across the street at the corner of Orloff Avenue and Gale Place. **Rain Location:** Vladeck Hall at 74 Van Cortlandt Park South. The concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome. **Information:** www.bronxarts.org, phil@bronxarts.org, or 718-931-9500 x33. Please call 917-972-2386 on the evening of performance.

Grammy award-winning bassist **John Benitez** was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. A first-call bassist by 19 in San Juan's thriving Jazz and Latin music scenes, he performed with such well-known artists as Chick Corea, Lucecita Benitez, Batacumbela, Lalo Rodriguez, Cuco Peña, Roberto Rohena, and Justo Betancourt. In 1993, John moved to New York, studied with Ron Carter and earned a BFA in music at the Manhattan School of Music. His education was not limited to formal classroom study, learning on the bandstand while performing with such Jazz and Latin musicians as Wynton Marsalis, Tito Puente, Michele Camilo, Dave Valentin, Eddie Palmieri, Bobby Watson, David Sanchez, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Roy Hargrove, Antonio Hart, Danilo Perez, Kenny Kirkland, Will Calhoun, Chucho Valdez, Don Pullen, Dave Samuels, and Mongo Santamaria. Learn more about John and his music at johnbenitez.com.



On **August 11th**, the **Train Park** will play host to an evening of jazz and standards by New York performer, Ginetta M. and her group, **Ginetta's Vendetta**. **Ginetta M.**, the triple threat female powerhouse who plays pocket trumpet, sings & composes for her jazzy funky original band Ginetta's Vendetta, decided for her 3rd recording to do a straight ahead jazz CD. Entitled "Standards" it was one of the top 20 on the national jazz week charts for 9 weeks! It is a stellar collection of some of the greatest Jazz classics!! Join us this evening and hear her with her group playing selections from this much acclaimed CD. Learn more about Ginetta and her music at ginettasvendetta.com.

Additional concerts in the series are listed below. All concert times are 7:00-9:00pm.

- **Thursday, August 14th**, Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center (3225 Reservoir Oval East): An encore performance by **John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band**.
- **Monday, August 25th**, Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center: **Orquesta SCC Salsa Orchestra**.
- **Tuesday, August 26th**, Riverdale YM-YWHA (5625 Arlington Ave): **Gene Dinapoli's Oldies Band**.
- **Wednesday, August 27th**, Henry Hudson Park (Independence Ave & Kappock St): **Just Nuts Party Band**.

For more information regarding these events or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Dinowitz' District Office at 718-796-5345.

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