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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
Present Three Thursday Night Concerts in Riverdale**

(August 17, 2009 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz proudly present three Thursday night concerts by talented Bronx-based musicians in the Riverdale section of the Bronx: Jazz vocalist Mary Pearson will perform on August 27th at the Riverdale Y, The Curtis Brothers Quartet will perform at the Amalgamated Train Park on September 3rd and pianist/trumpeter Robert Silverman will perform at the Riverdale Neighborhood House on September 10th. All concerts are free and open to the public. All are welcome.

On Thursday, August 27th at 7:30 pm enjoy an evening of jazz and standards with vocalist Mary Pearson at the Riverdale Y at 5625 Arlington Avenue. Based in the Co-op City section of the Bronx, vocalist and recording artist Mary Pearson's "rich, cultured voice shines" (*Downbeat*), from intimate concerts, to outdoor festivals, to her *BET Jazz* telecast. In any setting, solo to big band, Mary's "lush, supple voice" (*JazzTimes*) and "superb storytelling" (*L.A. Times*) make her unique brand of jazz beautifully accessible to any audience. Her engaging repertoire is familiar, yet fresh, and every performance surges with joy. Pearson brings fresh interpretations and insights to familiar songs, often recasting them in unexpected rhythms, time signatures or tempos. Mary Pearson brings nothing less than all of that to every performance. Learn more about Mary and her music by visiting her website at www.marypearsonjazzsinger.com.



On Thursday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm enjoy Latin jazz fusion with the Curtis Brothers Quartet at Riverdale's Amalgamated Train Park on the corner of Orloff Avenue and Gail Place. Performing regularly in the New York and East Coast jazz scene, the Curtis Brothers are on a mission to create music that not only moves your soul but awakens the sense of awareness to what surrounds us politically and socially. They are on a mission to entertain and inspire listeners to think outside the box, not only about Latin jazz but about the change that is everywhere. Their social awareness and desire to create new music only makes a listener that much more engaged and the more one listens, the more they discover. Check out the Panamanian Murga or Hilton's Rumba, which has been on *Puerto Rico's top 20 list*. They are undeniably on their way to the top!

Learn more about the Curtis Brothers and their music by visiting their website at www.curtisbrothersmusic.com. This evening's concert is one of BCA's BX Indie events which 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. BX Indie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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On Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 pm enjoy an evening of jazz with pianist/trumpeter Robert Silverman at the Riverdale Neighborhood House 5625 Mosholu Avenue. Robert Silverman is a pianist, trumpeter, and composer who has been a fixture in the New York Jazz Scene since 1985. After a stint in Europe and assorted gigs with Albert King, Jimmy Heath, George Russell, Cecil McBee and the Ron Levy Bluesman band, Robert went on to form his own ensemble featuring original compositions, the blues, and standards. Mr. Silverman has been featured in New York on NBC TV, WKCR, WBAI, and WNYC Radio's *Around New York*. He is the recipient of two "Meet the Composer Grants", and has written music for Thomas Stacy, principal English Horn of the New York Philharmonic. Learn more about Robert and his music by visiting his website at www.robertsilverman.net.



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