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HURRY! Bronx Council on the Arts Presents Works by Bronx Artists at the Governor's Island Art Fair, September 2013 Only!

(August 29, 2013 — Bronx) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), invites you to **BCA @ Governors' Island**, as part of the **6th Annual Governors' Island Art Fair**, presenting current works by Bronx visual artists **Marisol Diaz** and **Skowmon Hastanan**, both BCA BRIO Award winners. This exhibition is organized by Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts. It is free and open to the public **Saturdays and Sundays in September at Governors' Island, beginning September 7th, from 11:00am to 6:00pm.**

Marisol Diaz presents black and white photographs that document local cultural icons from New York City's Lower East Side and East Village neighborhoods. Diaz's "*Illumination, Chinatown*" and "*Howl Festival, Tompkins Square Park*" insert the viewer into NYC space and locations that are specific in their cultural references, while inviting visitors to come up with their own experiences, memories and meanings. Born and raised in the Bronx, Diaz has received Bronx Council on the Arts BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Award (multiple years), a Citation of Merit from the Bronx Borough President's Office and currently serves as Photo Editor of the *Riverdale Press*.

Skowmon Hastanan's "*Artist As Traveler*" is an imagined internal trip, exploring the subjects of homesickness, nostalgia, and the longing for exotic landscapes. The title was inspired while reading *Kafka's Travels* by John Zilcosky which explores a travel culture notion of romantic self-discovery where one can gain identity or re-invent identity in a foreign land. This work is part of a series of mixed-media collages and reliefs using discarded anonymous tourist photographs of 1993 travel to Myanmar. Born in Thailand and currently living in the Bronx, Hastanan's work has appeared in numerous solo and group exhibits locally and internationally. She is the recipient of fellowships and prizes including The Lambent Fellowships in the Arts at The Tides Foundation, as a special commission from the NYC/MTA Arts for Transit, and a BCA BRIO Award.

BCA @ Governor's Island will be on view every full weekend in September (beginning September 7th) from 11:00am-6:00pm at Nolan Park. This special exhibit is part of the Governor's Island Art Fair, organized by 4heads, a New York-based arts organization that specializes in developing unique environments for the purposes of exhibition, education and artistic creation. 4heads' programs are tailored to serve the under-resourced, attracting hidden culture and fostering community through collaborative expression.

Directions: The free Governors Island Ferry departs from the Battery Maritime Building located at 10 South Street, adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry in Lower Manhattan. The ferry terminal is accessible:

- **By Subway:** 1 to South Ferry station, 4, 5 to Bowling Green station, R to Whitehall St. station
- **By Bus:** M6, M9, and M15
- **By Car:** There is no public parking at the Governors Island ferry building. There is garage parking across the street from the Battery Maritime Building for a fee.

For more information, visit www.4heads.org and www.4heads.org/visitors.

For further information and updates on a full schedule of the Bronx Council on the Arts' fall 2013 exhibitions and projects, please visit www.bronxarts.org.

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