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## **Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour Returns on October 7th! Trolley Ride! Art Exhibitions! Book Signing Artists Talk!**

(Bronx, NY – September 11, 2015) **The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), returns on October 7th with exhibitions at BCA's [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [BronxArtSpace](#) and [WallWorks Gallery](#). Additionally, the evening will include a "Meet-the-Curator" event at the Longwood Art Gallery and a book signing and reading at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The evening begins and ends at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos on the campus of Hostos Community College. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board the trolley and enjoy them. **Directions to Hostos:** Subway: 2, 4 & 5 trains; Bus: BX1, BX2 & BX19; all destinations to 149th Street/Grand Concourse.

**October 7th's trolley begins at 5:00pm** at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with an opening reception for **Jorge Soto Sanchez**, the late Nuyorican artist and Taller Boricua founding member (1947-1987), is honored in an exhibit featuring selected paintings, ink drawings and mixed media. The show includes versions of his best known work *El velorio de Oller en nueva york*. His distinctive iconography which blends African and pre-Columbian motifs, among other traditions, expresses the multiracial and multicultural composition of Puerto Rican identity. This show is curated by Gladys Pena Acosta. Meet the curator at tonight's opening reception.

**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 trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The trolley runs on the **First Wednesday** 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:

- **Bronx Museum of the Arts: (1) Readings & Conversations** with author Monica S. Martinez who will read excerpts from *Seasonal Husband*, followed by a Q&A. Martinez takes the reader on a journey of a young woman trying to find herself in the midst of an abusive relationship. **(2) Free Guided Tours** of the museum's exhibitions: *¡Presente! The Young Lords in New York*, the first museum survey to examine the radical social group founded by Puerto Rican youth in New York and Chicago in the 1960s; and *Trees Are Alphabets* — Perhaps inspired by his earlier work as a NYC urban park ranger, E. J. McAdams considers how the sun, rain, wind, and soil constantly transform the shapes of trees since evolving in primeval forests.
- **BronxArtSpace** for *Hot or Cold?* — Nine artists from the BX200 Artist Directory explore the idea of the non-physical perception of hot and cold, creating an instant visceral feeling of "Hot or Cold" with work that has both qualities simultaneously. **6:30-8:00pm:** "The Artists Talk" with Jose Soto, Roy Secord and BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos Director Juanita Lanzo.
- **Wallworks Gallery** for *Ces: A Solo Exhibition* — Wallworks kicks off the fall season with a solo exhibition of Ces. Known for his incredibly creative Instagram posts of his name drawn in various objects, the show will be a full gallery experience of Ces!

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on November 4, 2015. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-October for information on November 4th's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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