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### **Bronx Council on the Arts and Bronx Museum host November 12th PEN Mingle**

(Bronx, NY – October 28, 2015) The [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA) and [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#) are teaming up with the prestigious [PEN American Center](#) for a Mingle event at the museum on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:00pm, where attendees can meet with representatives from all three organizations, to engage and support the arts. PEN American Center is the world's leading organization for writers' human rights and seeks amnesty for those being oppressed by extremist regimes. They champion freedom of speech and will be offering discounted memberships at this event.

**Location:** Bronx Museum of the Arts, 2nd floor North Wing,  
1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10456, 718-681-6000

**This event is free, but you must RSVP** by November 10th at <http://bit.ly/BronxMingle>.

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BCA and Bronx Museum are the borough's primary cultural engines and they partner regularly to bring the people of the Bronx world-class arts and cultural programming across various disciplines. Local legend Caridad "La Bruja" de la Luz will perform and co-host with [Bronx Writers Center](#) Director Charlie Vázquez. This Mingle follows the three organizations' initial collaboration for PEN World Voices literary conference, which made it possible to bring writers from Kenya and the Cuban diaspora to BCA's Bronx Writers Center last May.



"This will be a thrilling follow-up to the World Voices workshops we collaborated on last spring, and we're even more excited to have Caridad "La Bruja" de la Luz on board. The Bronx is rife with literary and poetic genius and talent and this gathering will allow us to showcase and discuss that," says Bronx Writers Center Director, Charlie Vázquez.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts**, established in 1962, is the official cultural agency of the Bronx. BCA is recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services, community and professional development and training programs. We serve the entire borough of the Bronx (over 1.4 million residents), and connect with Upper Manhattan, Westchester and regional resources. **BCA** offers over \$240K yearly in cultural grants to Bronx artists and organizations and a wide array of services to a multitude of artists, the general public and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

**For information** on the Bronx Council on the Arts, its programs and activities, call 718-931-9500 or visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

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