

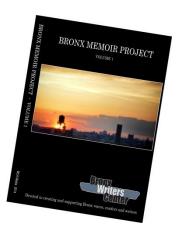
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Bronx Council on the Arts Launches Bronx Memoir Project Anthology

(November 14, 2014 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has announced the release of *Bronx Memoir Project - Volume 1*, the culmination of over fifty stories and artworks produced at twenty-five free memoir-writing workshops created by BCA in spring of 2014. These workshops were facilitated by professional writers of various disciplines and generated over fifty submissions of memoir penned by mostly unpublished Bronxites.

The official book launch will occur on Wednesday, December 3rd, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, from 5:00-8:00pm. The public is welcome to attend and copies of the book will be available for purchase. Some contributors will read from their selections.



"We're thrilled to say that this unforgettable and riveting collection has been finished and will be available for purchase as a standard trade paperback, as well as for e-book platforms such as Kindle and Nook. These stories inspired us so much that we revamped our book publishing infrastructure, BCA Media, in order to best serve them," says Bronx Writers Center Director, Charlie Vázquez.

This riveting first-of-its-kind collection of personal memoirs includes stories written by dozens of native Bronxites, as well as by those who've arrived from the Dominican Republic, Maryland, USA, and Italy. This is the first title to be released by the Bronx Council on the Arts' BCA Media publishing platform.

The Bronx Council on the Arts is a private, nonprofit membership organization and is the official cultural agency of the Bronx. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services and programming, BCA offers a wide array of services to Bronx-based artists as well as arts- and community-based organizations. For more information on BCA's upcoming events and programming and to learn how you can support the Bronx Council on the Arts during in its future endeavors, please visit bronxarts.org.

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