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Culture Trolley Saturdays returns on November 19th with a Special Artisans Trolley in a salute to the Comité Noviembre's Artisans Festival at Hostos Community College

(November 11, 2011 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) presents an afternoon of free trolley rides and attractions as **Culture Trolley Saturdays** returns, **from 11:00 to 6:00pm on November 19th** with a **special Artisans Trolley** in a salute to the Comité Noviembre's Artisans Festival @ Hostos. Comité Noviembre transforms Hostos into a typical Puerto Rican plaza with artists, sculptors, vejigante mask makers, etc. promoting and selling their wares while Puerto Rican food is sold from kiosks and musical acts entertain throughout the day. Workshops for children are being planned, like mask making, the history of the Three Kings' celebration, and much more! The day begins and ends at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Admission is free and all are welcome. Information: 718-931-9500 x23, saturdays@bronxarts.org, or www.bronxarts.org.

The tour will take guests to free activities at cultural organizations throughout the Mott Haven Arts District. Continuous loops start at Longwood Gallery at 12:00 noon. Trolley attractions will include exhibitions, workshops, music and more. The trolley will make continuous loops to and from the venues throughout the afternoon. Hop on and off the trolley to enjoy the following free afternoon line-up:

11:00am-6:00pm: Comité Noviembre's Artisans Festival @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) features members of BCA's **bronxArtworks Artisans Collective** plus cultural workshops for children and adults. Information: 718-518-6728.

12:00-5:00pm: bronxArtworks Holiday Craft Sale takes place just **outside the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**. Begin your holiday gift shopping with imaginative one-of-a-kind **bronxArtworks** creations by Bronx Artisans.

1:00-2:00pm & 3:00-4:00pm: Join us inside the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** and learn how to write comics at a free **Comic Book Writing Workshop** facilitated by Ray Felix, creator of the annual Bronx Heroes Comic Convention. Information: 718-518-6728.

4:00-6:00pm: At the **Hostos Repertory Theatre**, across from the gallery, enjoy a free **Musical Tribute to Master Pianist Gilberto "Pulpo" Colon, Jr.** Call 718-518-6700 for information.

12:00-5:00pm: Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street) for a viewing of the museum's current exhibitions: *Muntadas*, *Alexandre Arrechea: Orange, Urban Archives: Our Town Pictures of the Bronx by Emilio Sanchez*, and *Lobby-For-The-Time-Being*. Information: 718-681-6000.

12:00-5:00pm: Gordon Parks Gallery at The College of New Rochelle School of New Resources at 332 East 145th Street) for a viewing of *Sickle Cell Anemia: A Child's Perspective through Art*. Information: 914-654-5427.

3:30-4:45pm: Mott Haven Library, 3rd Floor (321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue) for **Bomba Lessons** with Dr. Drum (Jose Ortiz). Admission is free. Information: 718-665-4878.

12:00-5:00pm: BronxArtSpace (305 East 140th Street) for a viewing of *Shifting Communities, Part 2*, highlighting dynamic initiatives in culture and the arts. Information: 718-401-8144.

12:00-5:00pm: LDR Studio Gallery (137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10 (4th floor) for a viewing of *Uptown Girls*, an exhibition of illustrations, paintings and video by four female artists curated by Dominic Salerno. Information: 917-558-2389.

Directions to Hostos: The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (718-518-6728) is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street. By subway, take the #2, 4 or 5 IRT train. By bus, take the BX1 or BX19. All destinations to 149th Street and the Grand Concourse.

Culture Trolley Saturdays returns on December 10, 2011 with our Holly Jolly Trolley. This special holiday event will feature News 12's Molly Rokasy who will do a Holly Jolly Trolley with Molly segment for News 12 The Bronx. Enjoy holiday fun at cultural venues and artist studios throughout the Mott Haven Arts District. Festive music, giveaways, and a holiday craft sale are scheduled. Visit www.bronxarts.org in late November 2011 for details.

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