

November 29, 2012

## Bronx Culture Birthday Trolley

On Wednesday, December 5th, the Bronx Council on the Arts invites you to join the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos for a celebration in honor of the Bronx Council on the Arts' 50th anniversary and the Bronx Culture Trolley's 10th anniversary. They will honor friends who have supported BCA and its programs.

Baron Ambrosia, BCA's new 50th Anniversary Ambassador and TV host of the Cooking Channel's *The Adventures of Baron Ambrosia*, will host this evening of music, performances and special guests. The evening will feature music by DJ Paolo Rojas, with performances by poet, singer, actor, comedian, and spoken word artist Flaco Navaja and dancer, choreographer Milteri Tucker. A special anniversary/birthday cake will be provided by Brees Delicious Delights.

December 5th's Trolley begins at the Longwood

Art Gallery, 450 Grand Concourse, for a 5:00pm closing reception of *Puerto Rico In Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis*, an exhibition of works on paper and sculpture by Puerto Rican artist, educator and social scientist José Buscaglia. *Plaza de la Identidad: Public Art Under House Arrest* is an installation of Buscaglia's 2003 public work commissioned by the Puerto Rican legislature which, until recently, was kept in storage because it was deemed too nationalistic for public display. The show will be on view through December 8th. A special Conversation with José Buscaglia will take place in the gallery from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Meet the artist as he addresses many of the issues raised in the exhibition.

Two limited trolley runs will depart from the gallery at 5:30 and 6:30 pm, stopping at The Bronx Museum of the Arts for (1) A Book

Signing with Caridad De La Luz "La Bruja" who discusses her first published book of poetry, *The Poetician!* (2) Coquito Tasting Contest presented by the International Coquito Tasting Federation. (3) Free Guided Tours of the museum's exhibitions. On the way back to Hostos, we'll swing by Pregones Theater where En Foco's Touring Gallery presents *Relaciones & Relatos / Relations & Tales*, an exhibition of photographs by Alex Morel and a Meet-the-Artist reception.

Back at the gallery, the festivities continue with a special, and most likely off-key, "Happy Birthday" sing-a-long and cake-cutting at 7:00pm. And then, we let them eat cake! Also at 7:00pm, in the Hostos Repertory Theater, you can enjoy a free performance by Latin jazz artist Andy Gonzalez. Then head back out for a photo opportunity in front of the Bronx Culture Trolley.