

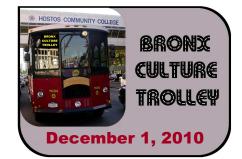
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## Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on Wednesday, December 1st Casitas, Kwanzaa Celebration, Holiday Craft Sale and Art Exhibitions

(Bronx – November 19, 2010) The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, December 1st along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor making stops at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, LDR Studio Gallery, BronxArtSpace, ClockTower Salon and Bruckner Gallery at the Bruckner Bar & Grill. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

<u>December 1st's Trolley</u> begins at the <u>Longwood Art Gallery</u> @ <u>Hostos</u> (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with a viewing of *Las Casitas Revisited* (featuring an actual casita, photography, found objects, video footage, musical instruments and art) and *Proyecto Recinto* 



Creativo, a photo exhibition documenting a recent student/faculty trip to Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. After you've viewed the art, stick around for the **Coquito Tasting Competition**. The International Coquito Federation is holding its Coquito Tasting Competition in the gallery this evening. For more information on the Longwood Art Gallery and its exhibits, visit <a href="https://www.bronxarts.org">www.bronxarts.org</a> or call 718-518-6728.

In the Hostos Lobby you can start your holiday shopping early with BCA's bronxArtworks Artisans who will be displaying and selling such imaginative creations as Korean knot-tying novelties, art cards and prints, ceramics, silver jewelry, handmade knitware, and more. In the Hostos Repertory Theater, it's a Kwanzaa 2010 Celebration with music, African market, entertainment, and a Kwanzaa feast. Admission is free, but you must get a ticket at the Hostos Theater Box Office (718-518-4455).

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 Bronx Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. Admission to participating venue attractions is free. The Bronx Culture 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.

This months trolley stops and attractions include: **Bronx Museum of the Arts** (1040 Grand Concourse) where you can tour the museum and view the exhibitions: *Tracey Moffat: Montages, Alexandre Arrechea: Orange Tree, Bosco Sodi: Pangaea, Paul Strand: The Mexican Portfolio, Urban Archives: Happy Together, Yankee Stadiums, and Lobby-For-The-Time-Being; LDR Studio Gallery (137 Alexander Avenue) to view their current exhibition; BronxArtSpace (305 East 140th Street) for a viewing of <i>Acting Out,* a group exhibition of video and performances presented by BRAC on the Block @ Bronx Art Space; **ClockTower Salon** (112 Lincoln Avenue) for a viewing of *Re-Defining Sacred,* a mixed-media exhibition of photography, stencil, and sculptural installation; and the **Bruckner Gallery** @ **Bruckner Bar & Grill** (1 Bruckner Blvd.) to view an art exhibition curated by Barry Kostrinsky. If you're not in a hurray, stick around to eat, drink, and wind down your trolley night with drink specials and full menu.

A special *Holly Jolly Trolley* will take place on Saturday, December 4th, from 12:00-5:00pm. 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.

For additional information on the Bronx Culture Trolley and the Bronx Cultural Card (which offers percentage off discounts at participating Bronx organizations and business establishments), contact Phil Cardone at 718-931-9500 x33 or at <a href="mailto:trolley@bronxarts.org">trolley@bronxarts.org</a>. The Bronx Culture Trolley will not run in January. It will be on hiatus until February 2, 2011. Visit BCA's website at <a href="mailto:www.bronxarts.org">www.bronxarts.org</a> in mid-January for information on February 2nd's Bronx Culture Trolley activities as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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