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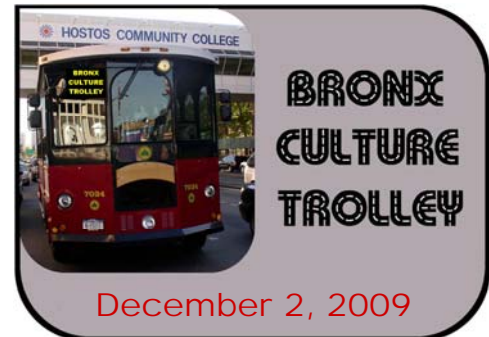
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**'Tis the Season to be Trolley**

**December 2nd's Bronx Culture Trolley offers a Potpourri of Family Fun**

(Bronx – November 20, 2009) **The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, December 2nd** along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) with an evening of family activities featuring nine art exhibitions at: [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Pregones Theater](#), [Bronx Blue Bedroom Project](#), BronxArtSpace, LDR Studio Gallery, and the [Bruckner Gallery](#). The evening will also include a theatrical performance and a Bronx-Artworks holiday craft sale at Hostos Community College, a multi-disciplinary event at BronxArtSpace, and a karaoke after-party at the [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). The [Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to most venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



**December 2nd's trolley** begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**

(Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with a meet-and-greet reception and two new exhibitions: **Anthem: an all-american dystopia**, a 20th anniversary celebration of BCA's prestigious BRIO Award. This exhibition explores an America reforming a national identity; family, health, politics, urban crisis and decay, environmental issues, consumerism and globalization. All artists are 2008 and 2009 BRIO award winners and include Gloria Adams, Cara Judea Alhadeff, Tenille Blair-Neff, Linda Cunningham, Dennis Redmoon Darkeem, Donna Diamond, Marisol Diaz, Juan Doe, Nicky Enright, Michael Ferris Jr., Rosemarie Fiore, Michelle Frick, Kuniyasu Hashimoto, Tracie Hervy, Kalissa Maxwell, Josh Millis, Vittorio Ottaviani, Micky Schon, Hrvoje Slovinc, and Jennifer Tomaiolo. The exhibition, on view in the main gallery through February 6, 2010, was curated by Melissa A. Calderón, a Bronx-based artist and arts activist, founder of the Mott Haven loft series CONVERSIONS, and a co-founder of Haven Art Space and Coalition of Mott Haven Artists. In **Year Zero: Media-Maker Dialogues**, Bronx filmmakers pull back the curtain on American life and reveal the "reel" deal about angst, love, technology, acculturation, and more. 2007 BRIO winner and BxIndie filmmaker Julio Toro debuts his newest film and is the moderator for the event. Featured filmmakers include 2008-2009 BRIO-winning media artists Nicky Enright, Nadia Hallgren, Geoffrey Quan, Geovanny Salas. The artists will comment on and interpret their award-winning pieces and share their unique vision of their world. On view in the Project Room through February 6, 2010, this exhibition is curated by Leenda Bonilla and Lydia Clark. For more information on the Longwood Art Gallery and its upcoming exhibits, visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) or call 718-518-6728.

In the **Hostos Repertory Theater**, enjoy a performance of **Ain't Easy** presented by Mass Transit Street Theater and Hostos Center for Arts & Culture. This multi-media, storytelling play by Lyn Pyle with Karen Wilson & Aisha Norris is the real-life story of a Bronx youth incarcerated in maximum security for killing a classmate in self-defense. His story is interwoven with the stories of four Bronx teens, their attraction to violent response, and how they opt for a "cool" alternative. The play features live rap & film and is performed by John Rankin, Aisha Norris, Tyquan Payne, Jahnesha Huertas and Johanny Paulino. There will be a post-performance discussion with actors & director. Especially appropriate for groups of middle school & high school students. Admission: \$6.00. For tickets call Mass Transit Street Theater at 718-512-8519 or email: [aainteasetheplay@gmail.com](mailto:aainteasetheplay@gmail.com) Info: [www.mtstv.org](http://www.mtstv.org).

**While you're at Hostos**, you can begin your holiday shopping early at **bronxArtworks Holiday Craft Sale**. Imaginative **bronxArtworks** creations in all price ranges are available for browsing and buying. Items included are Korean knot tying novelties by Karen Ahn, art cards and prints by Diane Davis and Stephanie Chisholm, original ceramics by Toby Liederman, and silver jewelry by Liz Ortiz, and much more. View the work of BCA's Bronx Artisans in a quaint, charming atmosphere. Call 718-401-9558, e-mail [lisa@bronxarts.org](mailto:lisa@bronxarts.org).

**The trolley bell clangs at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm** indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos to make 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 all 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.

**FIRST STOP: Bronx Museum of the Arts** (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street) for a tour of the museum and its current exhibitions: **Intersections: Grand Concourse at 100**, a year-long, three-part centennial celebration. This second part of this exhibition presents specially commissioned projects by three contemporary artists considering present-day conditions along

the Grand Concourse: Katie Holten (Ireland), Kabir Carter, and Jeff Chien-Hsing Liao (Taiwan). **Urban Archives: That Was Then This Is Now**, a new, multi-year series looking at contemporary culture as a “living archive,” drawing primarily from the personal collections of a number of artists that have been working in and on the Bronx since the late 1970s. **Artists include:** Charlie Ahearn, John Ahearn, Afrika Bambaataa, Henry Chalfant, Joe Conzo, Martha Cooper, TATS CRU, Catherine Hazard, Lisa Kahane, Lady Pink & Jenny Holzer, Rokafella & Kwikstep, Hip Hop Icon Collection of Easy A.D. of the legendary Cold Crush Brothers established 1978, The Esses Graffiti Studio Archives, and Stefan Eins/Fashion Moda Archives. **Lobby-for-the-Time-Being 2009-2010**, a special lobby installation by **Acconci Studio** which significantly alters the Museum’s architecture. Design: Acconci Studio (Vito Acconci, Adam Jakubowski, Brad Rosenberg) Interactive Projections: Taylor Levy, Chei-Wei Wang. Special collaboration of NYU ITP coordinated by Marina Zurkow Fabrication & Design Consultation: Associated Fabrication (William Mowat). For information on the Bronx Museum and its many events and activities, call 718-681-6000 or visit [www.bronxmuseum.org](http://www.bronxmuseum.org).

**NEXT STOP: Pregones Theater** (571-575 Walton Avenue, between 149th & 150th Streets) for a viewing of **License to Dream: Portraits of People of the South Bronx from the 1980s**. En Foco’s Touring Gallery photography program presents images by photographer Ricky Flores on view in the Pregones Theater lobby through December 17th. The exhibition is curated by Marisol Diaz in collaboration with Pregones Theater. For further information on this exhibit, contact En Foco at 718-584-7718 or at [info@enfoco.org](mailto:info@enfoco.org). For information on Pregones Theater and its upcoming performances, call 718-585-1202 or visit [www.pregones.org](http://www.pregones.org).

**NEXT STOP: Bronx Blue Bedroom Project** (309 Alexander Avenue #3A), for a viewing of **The Bronx Blue Bedroom: An Exhibition of Work by Laura Napier** – Visitors to the Bronx Blue Bedroom become part of the act. Experience appearance and disappearance, open and closed doors, and the enduring vision of the Bronx Blue Bedroom Project. **Laura Napier’s** artwork is often participatory in nature, with a focus on photography, video, surveillance, and performance. This installation, on view through Dec 28, will work directly with the social and physical spaces of the Bronx Blue Bedroom Project. Framed art in various sizes will be on display for viewing and for buying. Visit the [www.bronxbbp.com](http://www.bronxbbp.com) for details on the sale, or call 347-776-7504 or e-mail [bronxbbp@yahoo.com](mailto:bronxbbp@yahoo.com).

**NEXT STOP: LDR Studio Gallery** (137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10, 4th floor) for a viewing of **Lost Faces of Her** – This series of photos by George LeGare focuses on the many inspiring and influential images of African American women past, present and future. They are representations that may or may not have been seen throughout American History. This new style of fashion photography is drawn from raw and spontaneous emotions, creating on-the-spot concepts of the artist’s imagination. LeGare born and raised in the South Bronx, has been a self taught artist since the age of four. Gathering inspiration from the world and life around him, he continues to complete his quest to inspire through multiple expressions of art through music composition, fine arts, graphic design, fashion design, photography, videography and poetry. For information, e-mail [LDRStudioGallery@gmail.com](mailto:LDRStudioGallery@gmail.com) or call 917-558-2389.

**NEXT STOP: BronxArtSpace** (305 East 140th Street) for a viewing of **Synthetic Zero Multi-Disciplinary Event** featuring performances, experimental film and video, visual art, readings, and music. For additional information on this Synthetic Zero event, e-mail [Mitsu Hadeishi](mailto:MitsuHadeishi@gmail.com) or call 718-772-4961. For information about BronxArtSpace, call 718-401-8144, e-mail [lcuning@gmail.com](mailto:lcuning@gmail.com), or visit [www.LindaLCunningham.com](http://www.LindaLCunningham.com).

**FINAL STOP: Bruckner Gallery** at the Bruckner Bar & Grill (1 Bruckner Blvd.) for a viewing of **Icons, Escapism and Abstraction** – A group exhibition of painting, drawing, photography, collage and mixed media in which artists reflect both a wide range of interests and passions for the arts and yet the similar formal conclusions often drawn in the visual field. Artists include: Brody Morales, Kai Ladzinski, Washington Chavez, Carole Hyatt, Bobbi Van, Rebecca Schweiger, Kris Burns, David Gregory, Tray Drumhann, Jonathon Neal, Konstantin Kornakov. This show is curated by Barry Kostrinsky. Visit the Bruckner Gallery website at [www.brucknergallery.com](http://www.brucknergallery.com) for more information on this exhibition or call Mr. Kostrinsky at 845-729-5467.

After you view the exhibition, stick around for the Karaoke. **Mistress Wanda's Karaoke Survivor** – Part Game Show, Part Karaoke. *This ain't your momma's karaoke party!* Join us for the official Trolley After-Party hosted by artist and all around bad girl Wanda Raimundi-Ortiz. Drink specials and full menu available. Come to sing, laugh or just watch.

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 [trolley@bronxarts.org](mailto:trolley@bronxarts.org). The Bronx Culture Trolley will not run in January. It returns again on February 3, 2010. Visit BCA’s website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-January for information on the next Bronx Culture Trolley night as well as updated information on other events, activities, and programs of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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