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BCA's December 3rd Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour: Exhibitions | Reading & Book Release | Dance Performance

(Bronx – November 17, 2014) **The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour** rolls again on **December 3rd** with an evening of exhibitions at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Andrew Freedman Home](#), [Bronx Documentary Center](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#). Additionally, Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) Longwood Art Gallery is hosting the Bronx Writers Center Bronx Memoir Project book release, the Hostos Repertory Theater presents a 6:30pm work-in-progress dance performance and the Bronx Museum of the Arts offers a book signing and reading. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board the trolley and enjoy them.

December 3rd's trolley begins at 5:00pm at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with a 5:00pm meet-and-greet reception and a viewing of ***From Wick To Mott Haven: The Magic Realism of Ian Charles Scott***, featuring 26 paintings of which magical elements are a natural part of an otherwise mundane environment, bringing to life an extended cast of characters that stretch from Scott's hometown of Wick in remote Northern Scotland to his Hostos studio; and **5/150**, showcasing the artwork of 5 of Scott's former students — all of whom are now professional artists who got their start in the Hostos Painting Studio in room 150.

Also in the Gallery: The Bronx Memoir Project Book Release Event. BCA's Bronx Writers Center proudly releases the *Bronx Memoir Project, Volume 1*, an unprecedented collection of over fifty Bronx memoir fragments, as penned by our very own residents. This fascinating book contains stories that span various generations, continents, languages, cultures and themes.

Hostos Repertory Theater presents *Outside the Bachx*, a dance performance by Full Circle Productions, set to a Bach concerto played by renowned concert pianist Cristina Altamura and featuring internationally-acclaimed vocal percussionist/beat boxer Baba Israel.

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 trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The 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.

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include:

- **The Bronx Museum of the Arts** — Hop off the Bronx Trolley and hear a reading of excerpts from Anabella Lenzu's *Unveiling Motion and Emotion* and explore the importance of dance, community, choreography and dance pedagogy. Then tour the museum's current exhibitions: ***Here I Am: Photographs by Lisa Leone*** features photographs that open portals to the people who forged and continue to influence the energy that is hip hop; ***Beyond the Supersquare*** is an exhibition by 30+ artists and 60+ Latin American and Caribbean influenced artworks; ***Rethinking the Garden Casita*** features a traditional casita engineered to function off the grid in the event of a citywide disaster; ***In print / Imprint: Works from the Permanent Collection*** features a collection of prints and artworks from the Museum's Permanent Collection; and ***Michael Joo: Suture***, a culmination of research about Cameron's Line, the geological rift from Manhattan and the Bronx, through Ridgefield, Connecticut, and ultimately into Vermont.
- **Andrew Freedman Home** for a viewing of ***Suspicious Activity***, a two-person exhibition by Josué Guarionex and Melissa Calderón that melds political and ecological concepts with the ritual and symbolic significance of materiality and process.
- **Bronx Documentary Center** for a viewing of ***Miradas: Contemporary Mexican Photographers*** featuring five Mexican and Mexican-American photographers who focus their lenses on the complex duality of their lives and on the U.S. itself.
- **BronxArtSpace** for a viewing of ***Bronx Latin American Art Biennial 2014***, a group exhibition featuring works by 19 artists.

NOTE: The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, does not run in January. The trolley will return on February 4, 2015. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-January for information on February 4th's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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