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## Special Bronx Culture Birthday Trolley on December 5th Bronx Culture Trolley turns 10; Bronx Council on the Arts turns 50

(Bronx – November 21, 2012) On Wednesday, December 5th, the [Bronx Council on the Arts](http://www.bronxarts.org) (BCA) invites you to join us at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](http://www.bronxarts.org) [Community College] for a gala celebration in honor of the **Bronx Council on the Arts' 50th anniversary** (December 1962) and the **Bronx Culture Trolley's 10th anniversary** (December 2002). More importantly, we will honor the many friends who have supported BCA and its programs in the form of funding, donations, and publicity, and our community who we have enjoyed serving over the years.

**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, all taking place at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street). 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 **Militeri Tucker**. A special anniversary/birthday cake will be provided by **Brees Delicious Delights**.

**December 5th's Trolley** begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) 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. The exhibition comments on the legacy of colonialism and the history of oppression in the Caribbean, the Americas and Africa in the midst of a global crisis and change. ***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 special, limited trolley runs will depart from the gallery at 5:30pm and 6:30pm**, stopping at [The Bronx Museum of the Arts](http://www.bronxarts.org) 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](http://www.bronxarts.org) where [En Foco's Touring Gallery](http://www.bronxarts.org) 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 which will be parked in the front of the college for the remainder of the evening.

**Special thanks go out this month to Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Brees Delicious Delights, and Bronx Terminal Market for their generous donation to help make this special trolley night a success.**

The Bronx Culture Trolley will not run in January, but will return on February 6, 2013. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-January for information on February 6th's Bronx Culture Trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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