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***Stations of the Lost* Opening Reception at BCA's
Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos on Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

(November 29, 2011 — Bronx, NY) The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, the contemporary art center of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), presents ***Stations of the Lost***, an exhibition by Sean Paul Gallegos on view in the Gallery's Project Room through February 1, 2012. The show's opening reception will be held on Wednesday, December 7, from 5:00-9:00pm, in conjunction with that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley. Longwood is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Stations of the Lost – A Mixed-Media Installation by Sean Paul Gallegos, explores the growing disconnect from traditional religious iconography and belief systems in modern culture. Inspired by the biblical *Stations of the Cross*, Gallegos' fourteen stations become interactive meditations on our obsessions with material goods and commercial icons. He explores and unpacks how the 'traditional sacred' is being replaced with kitsch, toys and profit icons – elevating them as objects of adoration and desire.

Through the visual or physical dialogues created, *Stations of the Lost* becomes a link to one's inner child; e.g., the playfulness of trying things on. Gallegos says, "In my childhood you played with what you had, your imagination transformed the object into its reality and the interaction between you and the object was my creativity, letting my inner child run wild. Viewer actions, whether implied or directly referenced, will be ascertained. Either fulfilled or neglected each piece will serve as an instigation of childhood fun."

About the Artist: Sean Paul Gallegos is a Bronx-based artist who works with an array of materials. Of Native American descent, he spent his youth migrating with the seasons, allowing America's ever changing culture to define his ideals and his great respect for the ancestral. His formal training in performance and costume construction is the foundation for the work you see today. Sean Paul continues to study ancient cultures and recreate their most sacred objects using mass-consumed goods. Past exhibitions include the summer fair at New York's Governors' Island. Gallegos has previously exhibited his work at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos and he will be curating a show at Bronx River Art Center in the spring of 2012.

On December 10, 2011, from 2:00-4:00pm, all are invited to join Sean Paul Gallegos for a Graffiti Shoelace Workshop. Turn your shoe laces in graffiti art in this free workshop in the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos' Project Room. Sean Paul Gallegos is inspired by "wild style" graffiti. Using basic ribbon embroidery techniques, he creates "sculptural graf" from shoelaces. From a continuous line drawing, we will turn your five-to-seven character word into a shape. Keep your word short, so that you have plenty of lace to be expressive! Bring your word or "tag" plus your basic sewing skills. Shoe laces, thread, wax, and sewing needles will be provided. Visit www.bronxarts.org for updated information on this event. This workshop is in conjunction with that afternoon's Culture Trolley Saturdays.

Longwood Arts Project is BCA's contemporary art center supporting artists and exhibiting their work since 1981. Programs include the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Digital Matrix Commissions Program, and public programs that provide opportunities for free and open dialogue.

Gallery Hours: Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is open Monday through Friday from 10:00am-6:00pm. It is closed on Sundays and major holidays. Please note that the gallery will be closed on Saturdays, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, 2011.

Directions to Hostos: The Longwood Art Gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Bronx. Transportation: IRT 4 & 5, Bx1, Bx19 to Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

Information: 718-518-6728 or www.bronxarts.org.

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