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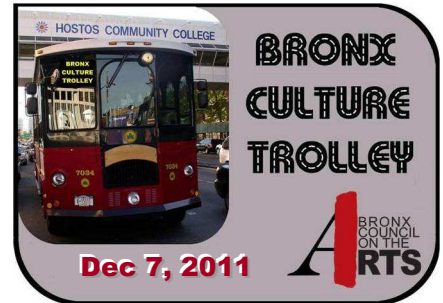
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Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 **New Exhibitions! Holiday Craft Sale! Kwanzaa Celebration!**

(Bronx – November 21, 2011) The **Bronx Culture Trolley** rolls again on **Wednesday, December 7th** featuring a number of family activities along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) including art exhibitions and performances at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), Hostos Repertory Theater, [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), and [BronxArtSpace](#). Begin your holiday gift shopping early with the [bronxArtworks Artisans Collective](#) Holiday Craft Sale in the Hostos lobby, and you can wind down your trolley night with fine food and drinks at [Sweetwater's Bar & Grill](#). The **Bronx Culture Trolley** is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.



December 7th's Trolley begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with an opening reception for its new exhibitions, ***Toys & Games with a Twist***, curated by Juanita Lanzo and Vanessa Gonzalez, is a multi-media exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, video, and board and video games that investigates and comments on issues of construction of gender roles and stereotypes, consumerism, hierarchies of power, globalization, migration, memory and loss, fantasy, the environment, love, war, violence, urban and popular culture. **Adult Content. *Stations of the Lost***, curated by Deirdre Scott, was inspired by the biblical Stations of the Cross. It is a mixed-media installation by Sean Paul Gallegos that explores the growing disconnect from traditional religious iconography and belief systems in modern culture.

In the **Hostos Repertory Theater** (across from the Gallery) enjoy **Kwanzaa 2011** – An annual tradition at Hostos, the Kwanzaa Celebration includes music, African market, entertainment, and a Kwanzaa feast. Admission is free, but you must get a ticket at the Hostos Theater Box Office. Call 718-518-4455 for ticket information.

Begin your holiday gift shopping early at the **bronxArtworks Holiday Craft Sale** in the **Hostos lobby**. BCA's bronxArtworks Artisans display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, papermache masks, post cards, sculpture, and vases. For additional information, visit www.bronxarts.org.

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.

In addition to the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos and Kwazaa 2011, this month's trolley stops and attractions include:

- **Bronx Museum of the Arts** for a viewing of *Muntadas*, *Alexandre Arrechea: Orange Tree*, Urban Archives: Our Town Pictures of the Bronx by Emilio Sanchez, and *Lobby-For-The-Time-Being*;
- **BRAC on the Block @ BronxArtSpace** for Part 3 of *Shifting Communities* by three Bronx-based artists;
- **LDR Studio Gallery** for a viewing of *Uptown Girls*, illustrations, paintings and video by four female artists;
- **Sweetwater's Bar & Grill** to eat, drink, and have some "singing" fun in Sweetwater's Karaoke Lounge.

Please Note: The First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley does not run in January. The trolley will roll again on February 1, 2012. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-January for information on February 1st's Bronx Culture Trolley activities. A special **Saturday "Holly Jolly Trolley"** with News 12 The Bronx reporter and personality Molly Rokasy. The day will include festive music, giveaways, and a holiday craft sale are scheduled on December 10th. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org for information on December 10th's Saturday Trolley. For information on BCA's trolley activities, call 718-931-9500, x33 for First Wednesday Trolley or x23 for Saturday Trolley.

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