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Bronx Council on the Arts Announces 2008-09 Recipients of Municipal and State Funds

(Bronx, NY – January 20, 2008) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) is proud to announce the recipients of both New York State Council on the Arts' (NYSCA) grants and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants. The awards will be presented at a reception on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, beginning at 4:30 pm at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos in conjunction with that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. The ceremony will be attended by representatives of recipient organizations, artists, schools, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and members of BCA's Board of Directors. Hostos Community College is located at 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street in the Bronx.

Each year the Bronx Council on the Arts provides artists and organizations other grant opportunities. These funds are received from the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs charged with fostering the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. The applications for all three grants were reviewed and grantees were selected by panels that included artists, representatives of the arts community as well as civic organizations.

The NYSCA awards are from the Decentralization program and the Arts-in-Education program. The Decentralization funds or Community Arts grant is open to Bronx arts- and community-based organizations that utilize the arts to help fulfill their missions. Eligible organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 in support for a variety of arts and cultural projects. This year, BCA re-granted a total of \$83,000 of NYSCA Decentralization funds to 39 organizations. The NYSCA Arts Education grants are offered to partnerships consisting of a local school (public, private, or parochial) and either an artist or arts organization utilizing the arts integration model for short-term classroom residencies aimed at improving student achievement in core academic subjects using state learning standards. This year, BCA awarded \$24,000 to 12 partnerships

The DCA Greater New York Arts Development Funds will open to Bronx-based artists and arts organizations with organizational budgets under \$100,000 who do not receive direct funding from DCA and are eager to provide arts activities to Borough residents. These activities can include performances, exhibits, literary readings or other demonstrations of one or more art forms. BCA awarded \$60,000 to 22 applicants.

This year's grantees are:

NYSCA Decentralization: All Saints Lutheran Parish, Asociacion De Provincias Dominicanas, Bardekova Ensemble, Baychester Visual Arts Association, Inc., Baychester Youth Council, Inc., Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx River Alliance, Bronx Stage & Film Company, Inc., Bronx Symphony Orchestra, Center Stage Community Playhouse, Inc., Christ Church Riverdale, Citizens Advice Bureau, Inc., City Island Historical Society, City Island Theater Group, D.A.N.C.E., Inc., Drammeh Institute, Inc, El Maestro Cultural & Educational Center, Inc., Flo-Bert, LTD., Friends of Pelham Bay Park, Garces Puppeteria, Highbridge Voices, Honduras Against AIDS, Inc., Hope of Israel Senior Citizens, Inc., Jewish Comm. Council of Pelham Pkway, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Neumaa Arts Gallery, Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition, Odyssey House, Inc. NY, Parkchester Chorus, Riverdale Choral Society, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Riverdale Senior Services, Inc., Riverdale Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of the Bronx, Samuel's Temple COGIC, Inc., SCAN-NY, St. Raymond Community Outreach, Inc., Unity Neighborhood Center, Inc., Uptown Coffeehouse, Inc., Urban Divers Marine Conservation Scientific Diving, Inc.

NYSCA Arts-in-Education: Bronx Arts Ensemble/Celia Cruz Bronx HS of Music, Doing Art Together/GED Plus School Bronx Borough, Dolge Donovan-Smith/ Bronx Charter School for the Arts, Franklin H. Williams Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora/ New Day Academy, Kathleen Howie-Garcia/ Leadership Institute High School, Lee A. Thompson/ IS 131 The Arts Academy, Lehman College Art Gallery/ Public School 86, Making Books Sing/ PS 112 The Bronxwood School/ Notes in Motion, Inc./ PS 78 The Anne Hutchinson School, Papatian/Bronx High School of Visual Arts, Teachers & Writers Collaborative/ P12X Lewis & Clark School, Visual Arts Research & Resource Center/Urban Assembly Academy.

DCA Greater New York Arts Development Fund: Ave Maria Crooks, Blanka Amezkua, Bronx Children Museum, Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Underground, City Island Historical Society, Contemporary Ballet Theatre, D.A.N.C.E, Full Circle, Garces Puppeteria, Israel Rodriguez, Jessica Danser, Jose Ortiz, Kay Reese, Literary Freedom Project, Marcos Napa Ormeno, Mitsuharu Hadeishi, Nikki Williams, Papatian, Spirit of Sisterhood, Teresa Kubiak, Judaica Museum of the Hebrew Home for the Aged.

Directions to Hostos: Hostos Community College is located at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. The college is easily accessible by the # 4 and # 5 IRT trains and by the Bx1 and Bx19 buses -- all destinations at Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

Applications for the 2009-2010 grants will be available beginning July. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

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