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**The Bronx Council on the Arts presents “Get it Together 2010”
An Arts-in-Education Round Table Symposium**

(Bronx, NY – April 23, 2010) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) presents “Get It Together 2010”, an Arts-in-Education (AIE) round table symposium on Thursday, May 6th, from 11:00am – 4:00pm, at the Casita Maria Center for Arts and Education, 928 Simpson Street at East 163rd Street in the Bronx.



In celebration of National Teacher's Day, this annual borough-wide Arts-in-Education round table provides the education and arts communities an opportunity to gather and hear from noted experts in the field; learn of local resources and best practices. In celebration of National Teacher's Day, this annual borough-wide Arts-in-Education round table provides the education and arts communities an opportunity to gather and hear from noted experts in the field; learn of local resources and best practices. This round table will facilitate two workshops. One workshop will focus on specific Bronx resources available for teachers promoting increase usage of local arts resources The second workshop is a presentation on one technique schools and teaching artists can use to evaluate and assess arts education residencies. In addition to these workshops, Casita Maria Center Arts and Education will provide everyone with a presentation on their *The Scholastic Arts and Writing Award Program*, facilitated by Ms. Lyla Rose, visual, performing and Literary Arts Manager for Casita Maria.

In addition, The Round table will have Mr. Hollis Headrick, Arts, Education and Philanthropy Consultant, providing the Keynote address. Hollis is a consultant for arts, education and philanthropic organizations focusing on program development and strategic planning. He was Director of the Arts in Education Program of the New York State Council on the Arts from 1990-96, and was responsible for funding cultural organizations for collaborative school programs. He was also the founding Executive Director of the Center for Arts Education (CAE) from 1996-2003. From 2003-2006 he was the Director of the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall managing all education activities, including pre-K-12 school programs, professional training workshops, online resources, and distance learning. Furthermore, the symposium will afford participants the opportunity to network before and after the presentations.

The day will consist of the following:

Registration

Brunch: FREE for all participants.

Keynote Address: *The Funding Forecast: Today Dark and Very Overcast. Tomorrow... Hmmm.*

Description: Mr. Headrick will speak on funding opportunities and the general climate for funding arts in the schools.

Breakout Sessions:

A) *Utilizing Community Arts Resources: Arts Orgs/institutions and Artists living in the Bronx, Facilitator: Hawley Hussey, Education Director, BRIC/Arts Media, Ms. Hussey will do a workshop on how to utilize local resources for enhancing arts residencies in our schools.*

B) *Tools for Evaluating and Assessing AIE Residencies in Schools: The ESTL (Evidence of Student Teacher Learning) Template: Facilitator: Phil Alexander, Empire State Partnerships, Office of Partnership Support & Research. Mr. Alexander will introduce an excellent tool for evaluating and assessing arts education residencies in our schools.*

Presentation: *Scholastic Scholastic Arts and Writing Award Program, Facilitator: Lyla Rose, Visual, Performing, and Literary Arts Manager. Ms Rose will present casita's awards program and how schools and organizations can participate in this regional program.*

Guidelines & Applications for 2010-11 BCA/NYSCA Arts-in-Education Re grants program will be posted on the BCA website beginning August 26, 2009.

NOTE: *Both sessions are Approved Professional Development Credit for all New York State Professional Certificate holders.*

For information and to RSVP, contact Americo Casiano Jr. at 718-931-9500 x19 or americo@bronxarts.org.

DIRECTIONS BY CAR: **From Manhattan:** Take the FDR Drive to the Bronx. Go across the Willis Avenue Bridge bearing right towards Bruckner Blvd. Stay on the left lanes of Bruckner Blvd past East 138 Street and continue to Southern Blvd. and make a left. Go to East 163 Street and make a left. Simpson Street is the next street but is one way. So you may want to go to Fox Street and make the left and proceed to Simpson Street and make a left and park. Walk to 928 Simpson Street (the school building). **From the Westside via the Cross Bronx Expressway (I-95):** Continue east on the Cross Bronx until the Sheridan Expressway. Exit into the Sheridan expressway and get off the first exit: Westchester Avenue. Go straight past Westchester Avenue (under the elevated Subway) approximately 6 or 7 blocks straight until you reach Hunts Point Avenue/East 163 Street/Southern Blvd hub. Continue on East 163 Street to Fox Street and make the left. Continue to Simpson Street and find parking. Walk to 928 Simpson Street (the school building). **From Queens:** Take the Tri-borough (RFK) bridge towards the Bruckner Expressway. Stay on the right lanes and continue until the Sheridan Expressway. Take the Sheridan Expressway and get off the first exit: Westchester Avenue and make a left. Go approximately 7 blocks to Fox Street and make a left go 2 blocks to Simpson Street and find parking. Walk to 928 Simpson Street (the school building).

DIRECTIONS BY SUBWAY: Take #6 IRT train to Hunts Point Avenue. Walk north to East 163 Street, cross the intersection. Walk west one block along East 163 Street to Simpson Street. Make your left and walk to 928 Simpson Street (the school building). Take #2 or #5 IRT train to Simpson Street. Walk South on Simpson Street two blocks, crossing East 163 Street. Walk to 928 Simpson Street (the school building).

Walk in and sign in with the security desk. Inform security that you are attending the Arts In Education Round Table meeting on the 6th Floor. They will activate the elevator allowing you to go to the 6th floor.

The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) is a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Our mission is to encourage and increase the public's awareness and participation in the arts, and to nurture the development of artists, arts and cultural organizations. As the official cultural agency of Bronx County, BCA is designated as the regranting agency for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). In the last four years, BCA has provided \$192,750 to fifty-five public and private schools for short-term classroom residencies throughout the Bronx.

The New York State Council on the Arts is dedicated to preserving and expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become the heritage of New York's citizens. The Council believes in artistic excellence and the creative freedom of artists without censure and the rights of all New Yorkers to access and experience the power of the arts and culture, and the vital contribution the arts make to the quality of life in New York communities, as well as the rights of all New Yorkers to access and experience the power of the arts and culture and the vital contribution the arts make to the quality of life in New York communities.

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