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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$83,900 to
25 Artists and Arts Organizations to Fund Art Projects in The Bronx**

(Bronx, NY – March 20, 2015) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has awarded \$83,900 to 25 grantees of the BCA Community Arts Grant (CAG) and Artists for Community Grant (AFC). A celebration and check presentation of this year's grantees and their community projects will take place Wednesday, April 8th at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. The celebration will begin at 5:30pm and will include representatives of recipient organizations, artists, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and members of BCA's Board of Directors. The gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

The BCA Community Arts Grant (CAG) supports projects and activities that enable Bronx communities to experience and engage with the performing, literary, media and visual arts. CAG is open to Bronx-based artists and nonprofit organizations. BCA's Community Arts Grant is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts.

The BCA Artists for Community Grant (AFC) is a competitive arts grant program. The goals of the program are to provide funding for artists to create new work in 2015; to expand the scope of local arts activity and the participation of professional artists in communities across the Bronx and to highlight the role of the artist as a community resource. A maximum of four individuals are selected each year.

BCA's 2015 Community Arts Grant Recipients will Fund 21 Projects.

Barbara Purdy for *A Concert Series For Seniors*; **Bronx Club of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.** for *"I Don't Owe You Nothing"*; **Bronx River Alliance, Inc.** for *The Amazing Bronx River Flotilla and Fish Festival*; **BronxWorks, Inc.** for *The Rhythm of Life: Capoeira Dance & Drum for Seniors* and *Profiles in Courage: Seniors Self-Portrait Project*; **City Island Historical Society** for *Pelham Bay Park: Photography Contest*; **di.vi.sion Arts and Education** for *di.vi.sion@mediator Classical Music Series*; **Friends of Pelham Bay Park** for *The Bronx Native American Festival*; **Guy Gonzales** for *Global Gupit Gupit: Endangered Species*; **Hope of Israel Senior Citizens Center, Inc.** for *Poetry Workshop*; **Literary Freedom Project** for *Bronx Literary Festival*; **Michele Brody** for *CommuniTea with Poetry*; **Millennium Dance Company** for *Annual Recital*; **New Settlement Apartments** for *Project V.I.P. (Voice, Identity, Power) for Girls*; **Pepatian** for *Pepatian Bronx Artist Spotlight, Spring 2015*; **Riverdale Community Center, Inc.** for *RCC Teen Theater*; **Riverdale YM-YWHA** for *New Works Project*; **The Bengali Creative Collective** for *Bangladesh--A Photography Exhibition*; **The Bronx Concert Singers, Inc.** for *Bronx Concert Singers 34th Concert Season*; **Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy** for *Barefoot Dancing*; **Woodlawn Conservancy** for *Jazz Appreciation Month at Woodlawn*; and **Woodlawn Heights Taxpayers and Community Association, Inc.** for *Art in the Park Adventure*.

BCA's 2015 Artists for Community Recipients will fund 4 projects.

Jessica Danser for *JD/dansfolk Summer Dance Intensive*; **Nicolas Dumit Estevez** for *P.S.* (a participatory, movement-based performance); **Orlando Ferrand-Rodriguez** for *Underneath the Accent of My Skin*; and **Ray Felix, AKA Bronx Heroes**, for *Bronx Heroes Free Comic Book Day*

Each year BCA provides artists and organizations the opportunity to apply for funds serving a variety of purposes. These funds are charged with fostering the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. Applications for the 2015-2016 grants will be available from the Bronx Council on the Arts beginning July 2015. 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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