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**Grant Money Available at Bronx Council on the Arts!
2017 BRIO Award for Excellence Guidelines & Applications available online Monday,
October 3, 2016**

(Bronx -- September 8, 2016) Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) presents the 2017 Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) awards application and guidelines, at www.bronxarts.org. The BRIO applications will be available online only. A total of 25 awards of \$3,000 each are available to Bronx artists

This year's submission deadline is Friday December 9, 2016, 11:59 pm

BCA's 2017 BRIO Fellowship program celebrates 28 years of supporting individual artists in the creation of work in literary, media, performing and visual arts. Bronx artists are invited to apply in one of the following categories: Acting, Choreography, Crafts, Dance, Digital Arts, Fiction, Film Animation, Illustrated Text, Illustration / Artist book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative / Documentary / Experimental Film / Video, Non-Fiction, Painting, Performance Art, Performance Poetry, Photography, Playwriting, Poetry, Printmaking / Drawing, Screenwriting, Sculpture, Spoken Word, and Storytelling.

Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and may not be enrolled as a full time graduate or undergraduate student. Individuals who work for BCA or who are recipients of the BCA's BRIO award in 2016 are also ineligible.

The selection of awards are based solely on artistic excellence and decided by a panel of arts professional of various disciplines. All materials involved in the selection process are reviewed anonymously. All applicants are notified of panel decisions by e-mail approximately four months after the deadline date. Winners are invited to an awards ceremony in 2017 to receive the first payment of \$2,500. The remaining balance of \$500 is to be paid to the artist upon completion of a creative community service activity which is required of all awardees.

This is one of the most rewarding parts of my job...giving away money to Bronx artists! It's here for the taking... all they have to do is apply! - Lydia Clark, Bronx Council on the Arts

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BCA is the Bronx Writers Center • BCA Arts Grants • Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos

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Application Assistance and tips on presenting your work professionally are available at one of nine free BRIO *How to Apply* workshops to be held on the following dates:

- **Mon. Oct. 3**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm @ Longwood Art Gallery- 450 Grand Concourse, RSVP
- **Mon. Oct. 14**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm @ Longwood Art Gallery- 450 Grand Concourse, RSVP
- **Tues, Oct. 18**, 2:30 – 4:30 pm @ Mind-Builders Creative Art Center- 3415 Olinville Ave, RSVP
- **Sat, Oct. 22**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm @the Morris Park NYPL - 985 Morris Park Avenue, RSVP
- **Wed, Oct. 26**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm @Vladeck Hall Auditorium -74 Van Cortlandt Park South, (Corner of Hillman Avenue) RSVP
- **Tues, Nov.15**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm @ Bronx Library Center- 310 E. Kingsbridge Road, RSVP
- **Tues, Nov 22**, 7:00 – 8:30 pm @ BAAD- 2474 Westchester Ave, RSVP
- **Tues, Nov. 29**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm @ BCA Main Office-1738 Hone Ave, RSVP
- **Thurs, Dec. 1**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm @ Longwood Art Gallery- 450 Grand Concourse, RSVP

BCA Dr.'s Hours By Appointment Only!

Lydia Clark, **BRIO Manager** (Lydia@bronxarts.org) offers one-on-one how to apply sessions to artists who cannot make the advertised BRIO “How to Apply” sessions. Charlie Vazquez, **Director of the Bronx Writers’ Center** (Charlie@bronxarts.org) offers one-on one help and advice to writers who are applying for BRIO in Literary Arts. Juanita Lanzo, **Director of the Longwood Arts Project**, (Juanita@bronxarts.org) offers one-on-one consultations to visual artists in need of guidance in submitting a cohesive body of work