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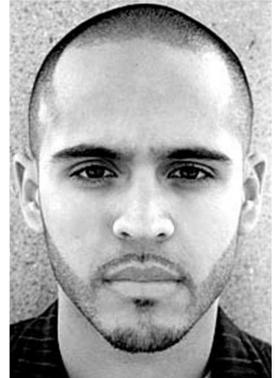
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### Bronx Council on the Arts and BRIO present BxIndie Artist INTIKANA and the East Coast Premiere of his Music Video "Amistad" at RDAC BX on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 8:00pm

(Bronx – March 23, 2011) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and BRIO present BxIndie artist **INTIKANA** and the east coast premiere of his latest music video "AMISTAD" at 8:00pm on Friday, April 8, 2011 at RDAC BX, 480C Austin Place, off of East 149th Street and Bruckner Blvd. in the Bronx.

The evening will include performances by INTIKANA, DJ Charlie Hustle, Rebel Diaz, and Miki Flow of Explosión Suprema; a panel discussion with special guest Ariel Fernández Díaz; and a Cuba photo exhibition. Directions to RDAC BX (Rebel Diaz Arts Collective): #6 train to East 149th Street; BX19 bus to East 149th & Southern Blvd. Phone: 718-708-4701. Admission is free and all are welcome. Seating is limited, so please visit <http://brio482011.eventbrite.com> to reserve your ticket.

**INTIKANA** (formerly known as "Fascious") is a writer, performer, Hip Hop arts educator, and activist from the Bronx. He has appeared on VH1 as a featured artist and has toured across the United States, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia while sharing the stage with artists such as KRS-One, Immortal Technique, Talib Kweli, Styles P, Lupe Fiasco, M1 of Dead Prez, Rebel Diaz, among others. As an Urban Word NYC Mentor and member of RDAC BX, INTIKANA has performed and facilitated workshops at over 100 universities/colleges, educational institutions, and prison facilities. He seeks to utilize culture as a means for education and self-empowerment by promoting responsibility through the arts.



The Bronx Council on the Arts BRIO award winner and BxIndie artist INTIKANA presents the east coast premiere of his music video "AMISTAD" at 8:00pm on Friday, April 8th at RDAC BX, 480C Austin Place, off of E 149th & Bruckner Blvd. Admission is free and all are welcome.

*Photo courtesy of Naomi Lore*

**About "Amistad":** When INTIKANA traveled to Cuba and attended the 2010 Hip Hop Symposium, he visited Micro X of Alamar, Cuba where the island's Hip Hop was born. There, he built a friendship with Miki Flow and Brebaje Man of legendary Cuban Hip Hop group Explosión Suprema and together they recorded the song "Amistad" ("friendship") which features Cuban female emcees/singers Indiana and La Real. Directed & edited by INTIKANA, the "Amistad" music video documents his life-changing trip, the people he met, and it speaks on maintaining a true friendship across borders, despite the political tensions that exist between Cuba and the United States.

**Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO)** provides direct support to individual Bronx artists who create literary, media, visual, and performing works of art. 25 BRIO grants of \$3,000 each are awarded to Bronx artists. BRIO award winners complete a one-time public service. The awards are based solely on artistic excellence. Winners are selected by a panel of arts professionals representing the award disciplines. Only artists living in the Bronx are eligible to apply.

**Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA)** celebrates over 45 years as a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency in excess of 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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