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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$67,000 to
31 Artists and Arts Organizations to Fund Art Projects in The Bronx**

(Bronx, NY – March 16, 2015) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has awarded \$67,000 to 31 grantees of the BCA Arts Fund Grant. A celebration 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 5:30 PM and will include representatives of recipient organizations, artists, local legislators, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) 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 Arts Fund Grant is open to Bronx-based artists and arts organizations with organizational budgets under \$100,000. Eligible applicants for the Arts Fund Grant seek to provide arts activities throughout the Bronx and do not receive direct funding from DCA. The BCA Arts Fund Grant is made possible by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund (DCAGNYADF)

BCA's 2015 Individual Artist Grantees will Fund 20 Projects.

Ayesha Akhtar for *Eyes on Bangladesh*, **Michele Brody** for *CommuniTea with Poetry*, **Carey Clark** for *Piece on War*, **Ava Maria Cross** for *On a Wing and a Prayer*, **Linda Cunningham** for *The Edge of Change*, **Jessica Danser** for *JD/dansfolk 10th Year Retrospective*, **Dennis RedMoon Darkeem** for *Bronx Gentrified*, **Nicolas Estevez** for *Performing the Bronx*, **Davalois Fearon** for *Consider Water*, **Martine Fougeron** for *Trade Talks*, **Ray Felix** for *Bronx Heroes Forever: Latinos in Comics, Free Comic Book Day, and Women in Comics*, **Borinquen Gallo** for *(Re)mixing the Ordinary: Imagination and Collaborative Practice*, **Melanie Gonzalez** for *Discount Saints*, **Shamar Hill** for *Riverdale Writer Series*, **Leona Heyward-Hull** for *Historical Women*, **Barbara Purdy** for *A Concert Series For Seniors*, **Rosalba Lopez Ramirez** for *On The Frontline's Grounding the Movement*, **Patrick Rowe** for *Mobile Printmaking at Mott Haven Library*, **Helen Dos Santos** for *O Boi Elefante: Exploratory Theater for Young Children* and **Ivan Velez** for *Comic Culture*.

BCA's 2015 Organizational Grantees will Create 11 Funded Projects.

Art Defined Productions for *Poetic Affair*, **Bardekova Ensemble** for *Bardekova Ensemble Concerts*, **Bronx Concert Singers** for *Bronx Concert Singers 34th Season*, **Building 13 Association, Inc.** for *The Fantastical Side of Being*, **di.vi.sion** for *di.vi.sion@mediator classical music series*, **FreshStart Productions** for *FreshStart Black Music History-Performing Arts Series 2015*, **Full Circle Productions** for *Outside The Bachx*, **Millenium Dance** for *Millennium Dance Company Annual Recital*, **Orchestra of the Bronx** for *Free professional orchestra concerts for the Bronx community*, **Parkchester Chorus** for *Parkchester Chorus Spring Concert 2015* and **YUCA Arts** for *Community Building with the Arts*

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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