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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$69,580 to 34 Artists and Community Organizations at March 5th Check Presentation**

(Bronx, NY – January 30, 2014) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has awarded \$69,580 to 34 local recipients of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund (DCAGNYADF) Arts Fund grants. A check presentation will take place at 5:00pm on March 5th at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos preceding that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. The ceremony will be attended by representatives of recipient organizations, artists, local legislators, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and members of BCA's Board of Directors.

**The DCAGNYADF Arts Fund grants** are open to Bronx-based artists and arts organizations with organizational budgets under \$100,000 who do not receive direct funding from DCA and provide arts activities to borough residents.

**Of the winning artists:** **Daniel Hauben** will produce six oil paintings of Bronx parks which will be exhibited, along with other paintings and giclee prints of Bronx park scenes, at Poe Park Visitors Center in May 2014. **Josie Gonzalez** will use her funds to create an outdoor mural in the Throggs Neck area as a commemoration to the local community. **Ivan Velez** will facilitate sixteen two-hour cartoon and drawing workshops at three different Bronx locations which will culminate with exhibitions at two of the sites.

**Of the winning organizations:** **Bronx Heroes ComiCon** will present a one day event on Saturday May 3, 2014, on Free Comic Book Day at the New York Public Library on Fordham Road. It is designed to serve three communities, Bronx residents, established Bronx comic book artists and aspiring Bronx artists/writers. **Bronx Repertory Company** will use their funds to produce a week of original children's theatre programming for our annual Kids Rule Week and brings Bronx families together for a week of theatre, music, art and more on the Lehman College campus. **Literary Freedom Project** will present the Bronx Literary Festival on May 17, 2014 at the Bronx Library Center as part of the Bronx Literary Coalition The festival will include family, adult, and teen writing workshops, poetry readings, panel discussion, and an open mic – a great networking event for Bronx residents, poets, writers, and artists.

This year, **16 artists and 18 arts organizations received awards totaling \$69,580. Individual Artists** (16) are: Alicia Grullon, Barbara Purdy, Carey Clarke, Daniel Hauben, Dennis RedMoon Darkeem, Guy Gonzales, Hannah Leshaw, Ivan Velez, Jessica Danser, Josie Gonzalez, Kevin Kane, Linda Cunningham, Martine Fougerson, Militeri Tucker, Nancy Benignus and Ray Martinez. **Arts Organizations** (18) are: Art Defined Productions, Bardekova Ensemble, Brainpower, Bronx Artists Collective, Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Heroes ComiCon, Bronx Repertory Company, Building 13, DiViSion Arts & Education, Full Circle Productions, Great Music at Christ's Church, Literary Freedom Project, Mass Transit Street Theater, Nuyorican School Poetry Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra of the Bronx, Parkchester Chorus, Windows of Hip Hop and YUCA 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 2014-2015 grants will be available from the Bronx Council on the Arts beginning July 2014. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

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