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**Bronx Council on the Arts Awards \$169,715 to
51 Artists and Arts Organizations to Fund Art Projects in The Bronx**

(Bronx, NY – March 14, 2016) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) has awarded \$169,715 to 51 grantees of the BCA Community Arts Grant (CAG), Artists for Community Grant (AFC) and Arts Fund Grant (AFG). A celebration for this year's grantees and their community projects will take place Wednesday, April 20th 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), the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) 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. All are welcome to attend our grant ceremony, please RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/2016CAC>

About BCA Grants: Each year BCA provides artists and organizations the opportunity to apply for funds serving a variety of cultural purposes. BCA grants foster the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. Applications for the 2016-2017 grants will be available from the Bronx Council on the Arts beginning July 2016. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

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 2016, 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 six individuals are selected each year. BCA's Artists for Community Grant is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts.

The BCA Arts Fund Grant (AFG) aims to develop Bronx artists and small arts organizations through its support of high-quality arts projects that engage Bronx audiences in a diverse array of artistic works in all disciplines, genres and styles. Bronx-based 501c3 organizations with organizational budgets below \$100,000 and individual artists living in the Bronx may apply directly to this program. BCA's Arts Fund Grant is made possible by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

BCA's 2016 Community Arts Grant funding will fuel 20 new projects: **Barbara Purdy** for A Concert Series For Seniors; **Bardekova Ensemble** for Bardekova Ensemble Concerts; **Bronx Heroes Comic Con** for the Eight Annual BronxHeroes Comic Con; **Bronxworks** for Humans of the Bronx: A Talking History; **Diversity in Arts and Nations for Cultural Education, Inc. (DANCE)** for The South Bronx Folk Festival; **Friends of Pelham Bay Park** for The Bronx Native American Festival; **Hope of Israel Senior Citizen Center** for Poetry Workshop Series; **I'RAISE Girls & Boys International** for IRAISE Dance Academy; **Kingsbridge Heights Community Center** for KHCC Poetry and Music Recreation; **Literary Freedom Project** for Mosaic Literary Conference; **Mazarte Dance Company, Inc.** for Mazarte Danza, Musica Y Juventud; **Millennium Dance Company** for Millennium Dance Company Annual Recital; **New Settlement Apartments** for Project V.I.P. (Voice, Identity, Power) for Girls; **Pepatian** for Bronx Artist Spotlight; **Riverdale Community Center, Inc.** for RCC Teen Theater; **Serviam Garden's Sewing and Arts & Crafts Club** for Serviam Garden's Arts, Crafts & Sewing Club; **Orchestra of the Bronx** for Free Professional Orchestra Concerts at Lehman and Bronx Community Colleges; **Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy** for Barefoot Dancing; **We Stay/Nos Quedamos Committee, Inc.** for Casitas: Gardens of Culture; **Woodlawn Conservancy** for Jazz Appreciation Tours + Miles Davis Tribute May 2016.



BCA's 2016 Artists for Community Grant funding will advance 6 new projects: **Davalois Fearon** for Time to Talk; **Elissa Carmona** for Morrisania Band Program; **Ivan Velez** for Monster of the Bronx; **Jessica Danser** for JD/Dansfolk Summer Dance Intensive; **Ray Felix** for Eisner and 75 years of the Spirit and Beyond, "Women in Comics Con 2"; **Sajata Epps** for The Natural Knitting Project.

BCA's 2016 Arts Fund will power-up 25 cultural projects: **Barbara Purdy** for A Concert Series For Seniors; **Bardekova Ensemble** for Bardekova Ensemble Concerts; **Bronx Heroes Comic Con** for Women in Comics Con 2 and Eisner 75 Years of the Spirit and Beyond; **Davalois Fearon** for "Consider Water" World Premier; **Di.Vi.Sion Arts & Education** for Di.Vi.Sion @ Mediator Classical Music Series; **Elissa Carmona** for Morrisania Band Program; **Full Circle Productions, Inc.** for Women in Hip-Hop Day; **ID Studio Theater Performance** for Mott Haven At Home: A Documentary Video Workshop Series; **Ira Merritt** for Approaching Winter; **Ivan Velez** for Comic Culture 2016; **Jessica Danser** for JD/Dansfolk Summer Intensive; **John Williams** for History of Jazz and Hip Hop Series; **Leona Heyward-Hull** for "Historical Women"; **Literary Freedom Project** for Bronx Book Fair; **Millennium Dance Company** for Millennium Dance Company Annual Recital; **Parkchester Chorus** for Parkchester Chorus Christmas Concert 2016; **Pedro Martinez** for Ray Martinez' Legacy-Back to the Root; **Peggy Robles-Alvarado** for Robleswrites Presents: The Abuela Stories Project; **Ricardo Velasquez** for Welcome to Reality School & Music VideoTour; **Roots of Capoeira Concepts** for Brazil to The Bronx, The Capoeira Cultural Bridge; **Sajata Epps** for The Natural Knitting Project; **Tammy Wofsey Plotzingpress** for Bring the Art Outside!; **Bronx Concert Singers, Inc.** for Bronx Concert Singers 35th Season; **Jeremy Warneke** for The Craft of War Writing; **Orchestra of the Bronx** for Free Professional Orchestra Concerts at Lehman and Bronx Community Colleges.

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