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**Bronx Council on the Arts Announces
2010 BRIO Award Application Deadline moved to January 29th**

(Bronx — December 11, 2009) Applications and guidelines for the 2010 BRIO (**Bronx Recognizes Its Own**) Awards will soon be available online on the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) website at www.bronxarts.org. As in the previous year, please note that the distribution of BRIO applications will be primarily online. Hard copies can be picked up in person at BCA's main office at 1738 Hone Avenue in the Morris Park section of the Bronx. In addition, the application and guidelines will be available at Bronx public libraries, BCA's Writers' Center and BCA's Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College. **This year's submission deadline is Friday, January 29, 2010.**

This year marks 21 years of BRIO Fellowships demonstrating the Bronx Council on the Arts' ongoing outreach and support to artists creating work in the literary, media, performing, and visual arts. Bronx artists may apply in one of the following categories: Acting, Choreography, Crafts, Dance, Digital Arts, Fiction, Film Animation, Illustration/Artist Book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative/Documentary/Experimental Film or Video, Non-Fiction, Painting, Performance Art, Performance Poetry, Photography, Playwriting, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing, Screenwriting, Sculpture, Spoken Word, and Storytelling.

A total of 25 awards of \$3,000 each are available this year to Bronx artists. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and not be enrolled as a full-time graduate or undergraduate student. Individuals who work for BCA or who are recipients of any of the Council's awards in 2009 including BRIO, Bronx Writers' Center Fellowship Program, Chapter One Fiction Competition, or Digital Matrix Commissioning Program are also ineligible.

Application assistance is available at one of four free BRIO workshops to be held on the following dates: Friday, December 11, 2009, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street); Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00pm, at the Huntington Free Library (9 Westchester Square); and on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Riverdale Neighborhood House (5521 Mosholu Avenue), and Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street). Space is limited, so please RSVP for a session by calling 718-931-9500 x35.

Hostos Community College is easily accessible by the #2, #4, and #5 IRT trains and the BX1 and BX19 buses — all destinations at Grand Concourse and 149th Street.

We urge you to attend one of these workshops due to major changes in the application process!

Individual consultations will be available by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Call 718-931-9500 x35 for information or e-mail BRIO@bronxarts.org.

This year's submission deadline is Friday, January 29, 2010 postmarked by the Post Office (not metered) or hand-delivered to BCA's main office at 1738 Hone Avenue, Bronx NY 10461 in the Morris Park section of the Bronx by 5:00pm on the same day.

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

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