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**Bronx Council on the Arts 2012 BRIO Award Application
will be available online Tuesday, November 1st**

(Bronx — October 24, 2011) Application and guidelines for the 2012 Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) awards will be available online Tuesday, November 1, 2011 on the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) website at www.bronxarts.org. Please note that the distribution of BRIO applications will be entirely online.

This year's online submission deadline is Friday, January 27, 2012, 11:59 pm.

This year marks 23 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 2011 including BRIO, Bronx Writers Center Fellowship Program, or Digital Matrix Commissioning Program are also ineligible.

Application assistance is available at one of five free BRIO workshops to be held on the following dates:

- **Friday, November 18, 2011**, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street (Room C391));
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2011**, from 2:00 to 4:00pm, at the Mott Haven Branch of the New York Public Library (321 East 140th Street);
- **Tuesday, December 13, 2011**, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, at the Westchester Square Branch of the New York Public Library (2521 Glebe Avenue);
- **Thursday, January 5, 2012**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Bronx Library Center (310 East Kingsbridge Road at Briggs Avenue);
- **Friday, January 20, 2012**, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th St).

We urge you to attend one of these workshops! Space is limited. Please RSVP at www.bronxarts.org

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

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 e-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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