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**Bronx Council on the Arts seeks Bronx Artists
2015 BRIO Award Applications Submission Deadline is January 30, 2015**

(Bronx — January 9, 2015) Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) 2015 **Bronx Recognizes Its Own** (BRIO) awards application and guidelines are available online at www.bronxarts.org with a submission deadline of January 30, 2015, 11:59pm. BRIO applications are available online only.

BCA's 2015 BRIO Fellowship program celebrates 26 years of supporting individual artists in the creation of work in 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, Illustrated Text, Illustration/Artist Book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative/Documentary/Experimental Film/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 to Bronx artists. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and may 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 2014-15 including BRIO, Arts Fund, or Community Arts Grant, are also ineligible.

The final Application Assistance Workshop with tips on presenting your work professionally is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**, 5:00-7:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in the event that additional workshop dates are added.

Due to New Guidelines, you are urged you to attend this workshop if you have not attended one of the previous ones! Space is limited. Visit www.bronxarts.org to RSVP for your BRIO "How to Apply" workshop.

Individual Consultations by appointment only can be arranged with the BRIO Administrator.

For **Literary Applicants**, 1-on-1 half-hour consultations can be arranged with the Bronx Writers Center Director to help prepare your manuscript for BRIO. Call 718-931-9500 x35 for information or e-mail BRIO@bronxarts.org.

The selection of awards are based solely on artistic excellence and decided by a panel of arts professionals of various disciplines. All materials involved in the selection process are reviewed anonymously. All applicants are notified of panel decisions by e-mail approximately four months after the deadline date. Winners are invited to an awards ceremony in June 2015 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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