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**Bronx Council on the Arts BRIO Award Applications Deadline
is Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 11:59pm**

(Bronx — November 19, 2015) Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) 2016 **Bronx Recognizes Its Own** (BRIO) awards application deadline is quickly approaching. Applications must be submitted online by Wednesday, December 2, 2015 by 11:59pm. Applications and guidelines are available online only at www.bronxarts.org.

This year's submission deadline is Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 11:59 pm.

BCA's 2016 BRIO Fellowship program celebrates 27 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 2015-16 including BRIO, or Arts Fund are also ineligible.

The final information session for application assistance and tips on presenting your work professionally is Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 5:00-7:00pm, at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10451. Space is limited. Visit www.bronxarts.org to RSVP.

**Due to new guidelines, you are urged to attend this session
if you have not attended one of the previous sessions!**

Individual Consultations by appointment only can be arranged with the BRIO Administrator by calling 718-931-9500 x35 or e-mail BRIO@bronxarts.org. **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 by calling 718-931-9500 x21 or e-mailing bronxwriters@bronxarts.org. For general BRIO information, 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 2016 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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