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ARIVA offers Free Tax Preparation for Self-Employed Bronx Artists

(Bronx – March 7, 2011) In cooperation with the Bronx Council on the Arts, ARIVA, a non-profit organization focused on financial literacy and tax preparation services, demonstrates its commitment to artists in the Bronx by offering free tax preparation for self-employed Bronx artists through April 18th. ARIVA volunteers specially trained in the tax issues pertinent to artists will be available to prepare tax returns for qualified individuals. ***There is no charge for this service, but you must state that you are a Bronx artist living in the borough.***

Ariva's office at 69 East 167th Street (2nd floor, corner of Gerard Avenue) in the South Bronx will accept walk-in clients through Monday, April 18th. Their office hours are Mondays and Thursdays (5:00-7:30pm), Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1:00 – 7:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00am-4:00pm). ***Please Note: This office can only do returns for people with less than \$10,000 in business expenses.*** The nearest subway stop is the 167th St stop on the #4 train and the 167th St stop on the B/D train. Call 718-292-2983 for additional information.

Ariva's Harlem office at 2049 8th Avenue (corner of 111th St.) in NYC ***will accept clients by appointment only*** on Monday & Tuesday, March 21st & 22nd and March 28th & 29th during the hours of 5:30-7:00pm. ***Please Note: This office can only do returns for people with less than \$10,000 in business expenses.*** The nearest subway stop is **Cathedral Parkway (110th Street) on the B, C or 1.** Call 718-292-2983 to make appointment or for additional information.

Those taking part in this program need to bring with them:

- Proof of identification and Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) for everyone being claimed;
- W2 or 1099 forms for all work paid for in 2010;
- If claiming child care expenses, documentation and child care provider tax ID number;
- Any other tax related documentation received;
- If you have small business revenues and expenses related to your work as an artist, please bring all documentation including bank and credit card statements and receipts with you when you want to have your taxes prepared.
- Bank account information (routing number and account number) to have your refund directly deposited;
- ***Note: Spouse must be present for joint filings.***

ARIVA offers free tax preparation for self-employed filers who have earned less than \$50,000 in 2010 and have dependents or have earned less than \$18,000 and have no dependents. Please call 718-292-2983 for additional information.

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