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40.85 °N x 73.86 °W: Home is Where the Bronx Is
Opening Reception at BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos
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(March 23, 2012 — Bronx, NY) Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, invites you to the opening reception of ***40.85 °N x 73.86 °W: Home is Where the Bronx Is*** on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, from 5:00 to 9:00pm, at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. *Home is Where the Bronx Is* kicks off BCA's Bronx Contemporary Exhibitions and Programs extravaganza, celebrating the Bronx Council on the Arts' 50th Anniversary. The gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. The exhibition will be on view from April 5 through June 6, 2012. Admission is free and all are welcome. For additional information, call 718-518-6728 or visit www.bronxarts.org.



Home Is Where the Bronx Is presents recent work by 2010 and 2011 BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Award-winning artists in visual and media arts featuring the works of Justin Allen, Benton Bainbridge, Gerardo Ciprian, Vidal Centeno, Michael Cuomo, Donna Diamond, Darnell Edwards, Nicolas Dumit Estevez, Michael Ferris, Jr., Xavier Figueroa, Nadia Hallgren, Skowmon Hastanan, Lisa Lebofsky, Ebony Lewis, Ira Merritt, Josh Millis, Rony Quevedo, Diana Rivera, Hrjove Slovinc, Christy Speakman, and Pam Sporn. This exhibition is co-curated by Juanita Lanzo, Edwin Ramoran and Kimberly Rose, is the third Bronx artists' biennial and focuses on the notion of home, cultural and political assimilation, personal narratives and histories, the construction of identity, the environment, the natural and urban landscape, and intimate spaces.

Edwin Ramoran is the Bronx Council on the Arts Curator-at-Large where he oversees efforts in exhibitions, programming and development. His previous positions include Assistant Curator at The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Director and Curator at Longwood Arts Project, and Director of Exhibitions and Programs at Aljira. He is a recipient of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts' Curatorial Research Fellowship and the apexart Outbound Residency. **Juanita Lanzó** has been the Director and Curator of Longwood Arts Project since 2008. She has organized *Longwood Arts Project's 25th Anniversary Digital Matrix* at Haven Art Gallery and *Material Culture ...in the City: Memory, Places and Spaces* at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. Publications include an essay for Chakaia Booker for the Bronx Museum of the Art's 25th anniversary catalogue *Collection Remixed*. Ms. Lanzo graduated from City College of New York (MFA) and from University of Puerto Rico (BFA). **Kimberly Vaquedano-Rose** is Longwood Arts Project's Gallery Coordinator for Technology and Administration and works as the in-house graphic and exhibition designer. She joined Longwood in 2006 after completing her internship from BCA's Art Handler Program.

Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) provides direct support to individual Bronx artists who create literary, media, visual, and performing works of art. 25 BRIO grants of \$3,000 each are awarded to Bronx artists. BRIO award winners complete a one-time public service activity. The awards are based solely on artistic excellence. Winners are selected by a panel of arts professionals representing the award disciplines. Only artists living in the Bronx are eligible to apply.

Longwood Arts Project is BCA's contemporary art center supporting artists and exhibiting their work since 1981. Programs include the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Digital Matrix Commissions, and public programs that provide opportunities for free and open dialogue. **Gallery Hours:** Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am-6:00pm. It is closed on Sundays and major holidays. **Directions to Hostos:** The Longwood Art Gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Bronx. Transportation: IRT 4 & 5, Bx1, Bx19 to Grand Concourse and 149 Street. **Information:** 718-518-6728 or www.bronxarts.org.

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