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Bronx Council on the Arts and Hutchinson Metro Center present Free Thursday Lunchtime Concerts at the Hutch Metro Café beginning July 29th

(July 19, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) BxIndie Music Series and the Hutchinson Metro Center present **free** Thursday lunchtime concerts at the Hutch Metro Café beginning July 29th. Each concert includes two performances, at 12:15 and 1:15pm. The Hutch Metro Center is located at 1200 Waters Place (between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue). This series is sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts and the Hutchinson Metro Center and is open to the public. All are welcome.

Thursday, July 29th features Contemporary Pop, Gospel, and R&B Music by vocalist Jacqueline Flowers. Jacqueline Flowers began singing at age 4, performing at age 6, playing the piano at 9. She was a member of Philadelphia's Great Valley Senior High School Performing Ensemble when they recorded their only album. Jacqueline attended American University (AU) where she performed regularly as part of the AU Chorale. As a member of the *Neltones* she performed throughout DC and Maryland leading to a Tonight Show performance. Jacqueline moved to NYC in 2002 and continues performing with the NuyoRican School Original Poetry and Jazz Ensemble along with her own quartet and quintet.



Thursday, August 5th features Jazz and Pop by Robert Silverman, is a pianist, trumpeter, and composer who has been a fixture in the New York Jazz scene since 1985. After a stint in Europe and assorted gigs with Albert King, Jimmy Heath, George Russell, Cecil McBee and the Ron Levy Bluesman band, Robert went on to form his own ensemble featuring original compositions, the blues, and standards. Mr. Silverman has been featured in New York on NBC TV, WKCR, WBAI, and WNYC Radio's Around New York. He is the recipient of two "Meet the Composer Grants".

Enjoy free Thursday afternoon lunchtime concerts at 12:15 & 1:15pm at Hutch Metro Café (1200 Waters Place) beginning July 29th with Contemporary Pop, Gospel, and R&B Music by vocalist Jacqueline Flowers; August 5th: Jazz & Pop with pianist Robert Silverman; and August 12th: Cool Latin Jazz with Maestro Willie Rodriguez and Andy Gonzalez. This series is sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts and the Hutchinson Metro Center. Pictured (clockwise) Jacqueline Flowers, Robert Silverman, Andy Gonzalez and Willie Rodriguez. Photos courtesy of the performers.

Thursday, August 12th features cool Latin jazz by Maestro Willie Rodriguez and Andy Gonzalez. Andy Gonzalez is widely recognized as one of the world's preeminent Latin Jazz bassists. He has held the bass chair with greats Dizzy Gillespie, Tito Puente, Eddie Palmieri, Ray Barretto, McCoy Tyner, Don Grolnik and countless others. His new Latin jazz ensemble: *Andy Gonzalez and Friends* play a repertoire combining instrumental original Latin jazz, popular Puerto Rican and Afro Cuban compositions. Latin Jazz pianist Willie Rodriguez has been a fixture in Latin and Latin/Jazz music since the 1970s. Among his many recordings he is on Machito's 1982 Grammy award-winning *1 Salsa Big Band* and on Celia Cruz' 2002 Grammy award-winning album. He has also recorded with Luis "Perico" Ortiz, Johnny Pacheco and Steve Turre.

During the lunchtime series, **BCA's bronxArtworks artisans** will be having a trunk show and sale. Artisans include **Karen Ahn** and her one-of-a-kind Korean Knot Tying novelties, textile artist **Lisa Curran**, painter **Diane Davis**, and metal jewelry designer **Elizabeth Ortiz**.

This event is a part of BxIndie programming sponsored by BCA. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation while fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Directions by Subway: #6 to Westchester Square Stop, then take our courtesy shuttle bus to Hutchinson Metro Center. **Directions by Bus:** Bx21 to Waters Place & Hutchinson Parkway or Bx8 or Bx14 to Westchester Ave & Middletown Road or Bx40 or Bx42 to East Tremont Ave & Hutch River Parkway

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