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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Hutchinson Metro Center present Two Free Thursday Holiday Concerts at the Hutch Metro Café on December 9th and 16th**

(November 24, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Hutchinson Metro Center present two free Thursday lunchtime holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café: On December 9th, a Latin Jazz Traditional Holiday Celebration and on December 16th, Holiday Music by Students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music. 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. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On **Thursday, December 9th**, join us for a **Latin Jazz Traditional Holiday Celebration** with **Willie Rodríguez** (vocals, piano), **Andy Gonzalez** (bass), **Nicky Marrero** (timbales), and **Roland Guerrero** (congas). 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 *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. **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. **Nicky Marrero** has performed and recorded with Ray Barretto, Machito, Tito Puente, and Celia Cruz, to name a few, is a member of "Tipica 73," and additionally performs with the "Fania All Stars". **Roland Guerrero** has performed with NBC's Saturday Night Live Band and currently with the Chico O'Farrill Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra, the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra Septet, and the Roy Hargrove Big Band.

On **Thursday, December 16th features** Holiday Music by Students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music. During the lunchtime series, **BCA's bronxArtworks artisans** will display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include illustrations, cards, scarfs by Diane Davis, knit artwear by Valerie Irizarry, drawings, pins, and crafts by Fran Marino, metal works by Hector Melendez, handmade silver jewelry by Elizabeth Ortiz, ethnic jewelry and crafts by Ester Pagan, and handmade jewelry and crafts by Diana Pucci.

**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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*Photos courtesy of the performers.*

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