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Bronx Council on the Arts and Hutchinson Metro Center present Two Free Lunchtime Holiday Concerts at the Hutch Metro Café on Thursday, December 15th & 22nd

(December 2, 2011 — 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 8th, a Jazz Fusion Performance by the Ray Martinez Legacy; on December 15th, a holiday concert by Sinfonietta of Riverdale; and on December 22nd, 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.

December 15th features a concert by the **Sinfonietta of Riverdale**, a professional classical music ensemble that juxtaposes music from different periods and styles in each performance. They are large enough to perform chamber symphonies and small enough that each of its world-class musicians can be a featured soloist, with a repertoire that extends from the era of Bach to the present day.

On **December 22nd** enjoy **Holiday Music by Students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music** who are back for their sophomore performance with this concert series. Enjoy the delightful sounds of these incredibly talented students whose choir won the 2012 title "Best Choir in New York City" after winning the Bronx Zoo's inaugural *SING! For Wildlife* competition which featured 250 students from seven schools.

During the lunchtime series, you can shop for some unique holiday gift items at the **bronxArtworks Holiday Trunk Show and Craft Sale.** BCA's bronxArtworks Artisans display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, paper mache masks, post cards, sculpture, vases, and more.

Enjoy free Thursday lunchtime holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café** (1200 Waters Place) **on Dec 16th and 22nd. Dec. 15th features a holiday concert by Sinfonietta of Riverdale; and Dec. 22nd features Holiday Music by students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music. Each concert includes two sets, at 12:15 & 1:15pm. Pictured the Sinfonietta of Riverdale (top) and students from the Celia Cruz School.

Photos courtesy of the performers.

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 & Hutchinson River Parkway.

For additional information about these concerts or other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org or call 718-931-9500, x19 or x33.

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