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March 26th is “Artist Tax Day”
ARIVA offers Free Tax Preparation for Self-Employed Bronx Artists

(Bronx – March 5, 2010) In cooperation with the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), ARIVA, a non-profit organization focused on financial literacy and tax preparation services, has designated Friday, March 26, 2010 as “Artist Tax Day”. On this day, ARIVA will demonstrate its commitment to artists in the Bronx by offering FREE tax preparation to artists who live in the borough. 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 appointments must be made in advance.*** March 26th Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm.

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 2009;
- 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 2009 and have dependents or have earned less than \$18,000 and have no dependents.

Those unable to participate on March 26th can contact ARIVA for an appointment (through April 15th) during regularly scheduled tax preparation hours: Monday through Thursday 4:00-7:30pm, and Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm. ***Note: ARIVA will only be taking Friday appointments for Schedule C filers.***

ARIVA is located at 69 East 167th Street, 2nd Floor (corner of Gerard Avenue) in the South Bronx and can be contacted at 718-292-2983. The nearest subway stop is the 167th St stop on the 4 train and the 167th St stop on the B/D train.

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