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**BCA's 2017 SU-CASA Residency Guidelines & Applications Available Tuesday November 1st**

(Bronx - October 25, 2016) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) announces the availability of its Bronx 2017 SU-CASA senior center teaching artist application and guidelines beginning Tuesday, November 1st. The SU-CASA program seeks to connect artists with seniors at local senior centers, and to positively impact the well-being of older adults through arts-based activities. Artists engage participants with arts-based programming, and organize a public event open to the surrounding community.

BCA's 2017 SU-CASA program will provide eight selected Bronx artists with a stipend of \$4,500 and a budget of \$1,000 each for materials in exchange for the creation and delivery of arts programming. Online applications open Tuesday November 1st with a November 30th deadline. The program runs January – June.

Application Assistance for artists will be available at a free *How to Apply* workshop on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, located at 450 Grand Concourse. Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. RSVP is required at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

BCA will only accept applications from individual artists, and they must have a residence or workspace in the Bronx. Artists with foreign language proficiency are strongly encouraged to apply, but applicants are not required to speak any language other than English. Artists will be selected by BCA through a competitive process. All materials involved in the selection process will be reviewed anonymously. Decisions will be made by a panel of professionals including a representative of DCA and DFTA, and will be announced no later than December 21st, 2016.

*"Building upon 50 years of success to date in connecting artists with the community, The Bronx Council on the Arts is in a position to model lively, constructive, skill-based activities that can bring joy, health, and vitality to the rapidly growing population of older adults in our city." - Nan Siegmund, Assistant Director-Administration and Development*

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SU-CASA is a collaboration among the NYC Council, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) and the city's five local arts councils: Bronx Council on the Arts, Brooklyn Arts Council, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Queens Council on the Arts and Staten Island Arts. The program (formerly known as SPARC) was developed as part of Age-Friendly NYC, a citywide effort to make New York City more livable for seniors.

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