

**Bronx Council on the Arts and Wave Hill's "Sunset Wednesday" series
kicks off "Bronx Beat" featuring BxIndie Musical Performances in July**

(June 20, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Wave Hill's "Sunset Wednesday" series kicks off "Bronx Beat", a 7:00pm concert series featuring BxIndie musicians on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning July 6th. All concerts are free with admission to the grounds. Admission: Free to Wave Hill members and children under 6; \$8 for adults; \$4 for students and seniors 65+; \$2 for children 6+. For concert information, visit www.bronxarts.org or call 718-931-9500 x33 or call Wave Hill's Martha Gellens at 718-549-3200 x232.

On Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00pm, enjoy the sultry sounds of jazz vocalist Alma Micic who will perform selections from her album "The Hours", accompanied by her bassist and guitarist. A featured vocalist with the Radio Belgrade Big Band, she toured and appeared at many local jazz festivals and television and radio broadcasts. A past BCA BRIO winner and current Riverdale resident, her new album "The Hours" beautifully displays her songwriting skills, arranging talents, and exquisite singing voice. With her band, she has appeared at prominent venues such as the Jazz Standard, Scullers, Iridium Jazz Club, Cecil's Jazz Club and various international festivals and concert halls.



Alma Micic

Christian Diaz

Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00pm, features guitarist Christian Diaz. Christian is a self-taught musician who learned to play bass, keyboard, drums and guitar at a local church that provided him with the instruments. Christian has been the music director of the youth choir at Temple Jehovah Shammah for the past four years and works with the local youth, teaching them to play the same instruments that he was given the opportunity to learn at the church. His goal is to give to youth of the community the same opportunity to develop their talents as was given to him.



Andrew Geddes

Dave Valentin

On Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00pm, flutist Dave Valentin performs. Dave Valentin began his career as a Latin percussionist as a teen before switching to the flute at the suggestion of his teacher Hubert Laws. He studied at the Bronx Community College, making his recording debut with Ricardo Marrero's group in 1997. Discovered by Dave Grusin and Larry Rosen, Valentin was their first recording artist. Since then, he has recorded over 15 albums, combining the influence of pop, R&B, and Brazilian music with Latin and smooth jazz to create a slick and accessible form of crossover jazz. Since the mid-2000s, Valentin has been signed to Highnote Records releasing *World On A String* (2005) and *Come Fly With Me* (2006). He has done several collaborations with pianist Bill O'Connell and was a nominee for the Latin Grammy Awards of 2006.

Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00pm, features classical guitarist Andrew Geddis. Andrew Geddis is a classically trained guitarist who also composes and sings. He holds a Bachelor in Music and is a regularly featured performer at New York's Four Seasons Restaurant. Andrew has played for such dignitaries as former NYC Mayor David Dinkins and former Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder. He accompanied internationally-renowned basso Kevin Maynor in a program of music dedicated to the work of Paul Robeson. He has recently incorporated himself as MUSICA ELYSII and volunteers his time giving classical guitar performances in many NYC retirement communities, hospitals and nursing homes, making many friends and sharing beautiful music. He considers it the most rewarding work of his life.

Wave Hill, a 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, is open from 9:00am to 4:30pm. It is located at West 249th Street & Independence Avenue, 675 West 252nd Street in the Riverdale. Shuttle service is available to and from Metro-North and the #1 subway. For additional directions, visit <http://wavehill.org/visit/directions.html>, call 718-549-3200 or e-mail information@wavehill.org.

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