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**Bronx Council on the Arts to Award 10 Fellowships
as part of the 2009 Latino Artist Initiative**

(Bronx – September 30, 2009) As part of the Urban Artist Initiative (UAI/NYC) citywide grant program, the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), as part of the Latino Artist Initiative, will be awarding ten fellowships in the categories of visual and media arts to artists who self-define as Latino American.

BCA created the Latino Artist Initiative for UAI/NYC's third round of funding as a temporary replacement for the Association of Hispanic Arts who unfortunately closed their doors this past summer. UAI/NYC will distribute a total of 34 fellowships of \$1,500 each to NYC-based, self-identified artists of color.

BCA will hold an application seminar on Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 6:00-8:00pm at Hostos Community College, Room C453 (4th floor), 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, Bronx, New York 10451. Seating is limited and RSVP is suggested. RSVP to UAI.NYC@gmail.com with the subject line "UAI info session". Applications can be downloaded in advance of the seminar at <http://uai.cuerate.org>.

Directions to Hostos: Hostos Community College is located at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street and is easily accessible by the #2, #4, and #5 IRT Trains. For additional directions, visit www.hostos.cuny.edu/directory/newdirectory/directions.html. The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is wheelchair accessible.

Please Note: Latino artists can attend any of the application seminars that are being held city-wide if they cannot attend on October 8th. For a full schedule of city-wide application seminars, grant guidelines, and more information, visit www.bronxarts.org/UAI2009_10.asp.

The application deadline for this year's UAI/NYC grant is Thursday, October 29, 2009.

For additional information, contact: Ted Berger, UAI/NYC Project Director, at tedsberger@aol.com; Kim Vaquedano at 718-516-6728 or UAI.NYC@gmail.com; or visit www.bronxarts.org.

UAI/NYC has been developed by a consortium including AMERINDA, INC., the Asian American Arts Alliance, the Harlem Arts Alliance, and the Latino Artists' Initiative (sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts) working in partnership with the Queens Council on the Arts, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Bronx Council on the Arts – the project's sponsoring organization.

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