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Enjoy a free concert of cool jazz with Willie Rodriguez and Friends on Wednesday, November 3rd, at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos

(October 25, 2010 — Bronx, NY) Enjoy a free concert of cool Latin jazz with Maestro **Willie Rodriguez and Friends** on Wednesday, November 3rd, at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. There will be two sets at 5:45 & 6:45pm. The gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. The concert is free, open to the public, and all are welcome.



Enjoy a free concert of cool Latin jazz on Wednesday, November 3rd at 5:45 & 6:45 pm at the Longwood art Gallery at Hostos Community (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) featuring Willie Rodriguez and Friends. It is a presentation of the Bronx Council on the Arts, Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. The concert is open to the public and all are welcome.

The concert, in conjunction with that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley, is a presentation of the Bronx Council on the Arts, Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center.

Mr. Loren Schoenberg, Executive Director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, is very excited about this collaborative effort and its future possibilities. "The National Jazz Museum in Harlem is thrilled to be collaborating with the people who make the arts come alive in the Bronx. We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership!" says Schoenberg.

Willie Rodriguez (vocals, piano) has been a fixture in Latin and Latin/Jazz music since the 1970s. Among his many recordings he is on Machito's 1982 Grammy award-winning *Salsa Big Band* and on Celia Cruz' 2002 Grammy award-winning album.

Andy Gonzalez (bass), is widely recognized as one of the world's preeminent Latin Jazz bassists. He has held the bass chair with a number of jazz greats and plays regularly with his Latin jazz ensemble, Andy Gonzalez and Friends.

Nicky Marrero (timbales) began his music career at an early age with a cut on Willie Colon's first album "EL Malo". He performed and recorded with Ray Barretto, Machito, Tito Puente, and Celia Cruz, to name a few, is a member of "Tipica 73," and additionally performs with the "Fania All Stars".

Roland Guerrero (congas) was a member of the National Touring Company of Walt Disney's "The Lion King" and has performed with NBC's Saturday Night Live Band and currently with the Chico O'Farrill Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra, the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra Septet, and the Roy Hargrove Big Band.

Directions: The Longwood Art Gallery is located at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street. **By Subway**, take the #2, 4 or 5 IRT trains to 149th Street and the Grand Concourse. **By Bus**, take the BX1 or BX19 to 149th Street and the Grand Concourse. Travel time from mid-town Manhattan is usually 20 minutes.

This concert is a presentation of the Bronx Council on the Arts, Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, with funding from JPMorgan Chase Foundation, Scherman Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, the Bronx Empowerment Zone, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, NYS Council on the Arts, and Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo.

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