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**Bronx Council on the Arts presents a Performance by BRIO Award-Winning Actress and Playwright Desi Moreno-Penson at the Bruckner Bar & Grill on Wednesday, February 3rd**

(January 22, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Bruckner Bar & Grill present a one-time appearance by award-winning actress and playwright Desi Moreno-Penson at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at the Bruckner Bar & Grill. The Bruckner is located at 1 Bruckner Blvd. Admission to the performance is free. All are welcome.

**Desi will perform two of her pieces:** (1) *A Latina Prepares* about a Latina actress who is fed up with her stereotypical ethnic roles and takes revenge upon her auditioners . . . by being a damn good actress! (2) *Don't Knock it Till You Try it* about a conservative woman in her 40s who finally gives in to her husband's demand for a threesome.

**Desi Moreno-Penson** is a New York City-based playwright. Her work has been developed and/or produced at such venues as Urban Stages, New Georges (affiliated artist), The Cherry Lane, Perishable Theatre, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Intar, Repertorio Espanol, The Royal Court Theatre in London, among others. She is a finalist for the 2007 Princess Grace Award for emerging artists, and recipient the 2003 Wilson Lehr Award, the 2002 Louis Delgado Jr. Award for Playwriting, and a three-time recipient of the BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) Fellowship for both playwriting and live performance.

Desi's short plays include *Lazarus Disposed*, *Spirit Sex*, and *A Latina Prepares*. Her full-length plays include *Screwing Rachel*, *3 to a Session: A Monster's Tale*, *Devil Land*, and *Ghost Light*. Her play, *Devil Land* premiered at the 2007 Summer Play Festival in New York produced by Arielle Tepper Madover. It will be published by Broadway Play Publishing. Her play, *Ghost Light* was recently produced for a limited engagement at 59E59 Theatre this past October. Her short play, *Spirit Sex* was produced as part of the 2009 Going to the River Festival at Ensemble Studio Theatre this past September, and will be included in the next short plays anthology published by Smith and Krause, *The Best 10-Minute Plays of 2010*.

Desi is a member of The Dramatists Guild and holds a Masters Degree in Dramaturgy and Theatre Criticism from Brooklyn College where she received the prestigious Samuel Levenson Memorial Scholarship for academic and creative achievement. She is on the staff of teaching artists for Young Playwrights, Inc. and is currently working on a commission from Enrichment Works to write a one-man show based on the life of baseball player, Roberto Clemente. Desi is represented by Bruce Ostler at Bret Adams, Ltd.

This evening's event is a part of BCA's "BxIndie presents BRIO Program Series" and the Bronx Culture Trolley, both sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines, and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation and fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The [Bruckner Bar & Grill](http://www.bronxarts.org) is located at 1 Bruckner Blvd. and accessible by the BX15 bus or #6 train to 3rd Avenue & 138th Street or you can take the free Bronx Culture Trolley from Hostos Community College (450 Grand Concourse at 149th St.) to the BBG stop. For more information on this reading, call 718-931-9500 x23, e-mail [leenda@bronxarts.org](mailto:leenda@bronxarts.org), or visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

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Award-winning playwright and actress Desi Moreno-Penson will perform her work at the Bruckner Bar & Grill on February 3rd at 7:00pm in a one-time appearance presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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