

Bronx beat

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** has awarded \$83,900 to 25 grantees of the BCA Community Arts Grant (CAG) and Artists for Community Grant (AFC). A celebration and check presentation of this year's grantees and their community projects will take place Wednesday, April 8th at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include representatives of recipient organizations, artists, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and members of BCA's Board of Directors. The gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

CAG is open to Bronx-based artists and nonprofit organizations. BCA's Community Arts Grant is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts.

The BCA Artists for Community Grant (AFC) is a competitive arts grant program. The goals of the program are to provide funding for artists to create new work in 2015; to expand the scope of local arts activity and the participation of professional artists in communities across the Bronx and to highlight the role of the artist as a community resource. A maximum of four individuals are selected each year.

BCA's 2015 Community Arts Grant Recipients will Fund 21 Projects.

Barbara Purdy for A Concert Series For Seniors; Bronx Club of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. for "I Don't Owe You Nothing"; Bronx River Alliance, Inc. for The Amazing Bronx River Flotilla and Fish Festival; BronxWorks, Inc. for The Rhythm of Life: Capoeira Dance & Drum for Seniors and Profiles in Courage: Seniors Self-Portrait Project; City Island Historical Society for Pelham Bay Park: Photography Contest; di.vi.sion Arts and Education for di.vi.sion@mediator Classical Music Series; Friends of Pelham Bay Park for The Bronx Native

Dance Company for Annual Recital; New Settlement Apartments for Project V.I.P. (Voice, Identity, Power) for Girls; Papatian for Papatian Bronx Artist Spotlight, Spring 2015; Riverdale Community Center, Inc. for RCC Teen Theater; Riverdale YM-YWHA for New Works Project; The Bengali Creative Collective for Bangladesh--A Photography Exhibition; The Bronx Concert Singers, Inc. for Bronx Concert Singers 34th Concert Season; Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy for Barefoot Dancing; Woodlawn Conservancy for Jazz Appreciation Month at Woodlawn; and Woodlawn Heights Taxpayers and Community Association, Inc. for Art in the Park Adventure.

BCA's 2015 Artists for Community Recipients will fund 4 projects.

Jessica Danser for JD/dansfolk Summer Dance Intensive; Nicolas Dumit Estevez for P.S. (a participatory, movement-based performance); Orlando Ferrand-Rodriguez for Underneath the Accent of My Skin; and Ray Felix, AKA Bronx Heroes, for Bronx Heroes Free Comic Book Day

For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.