



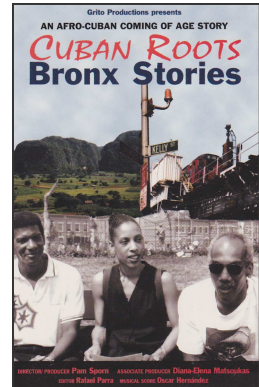
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**Bronx Council on the Arts and the Longwood Arts Project
present a Free Film Screening of Pam Sporn's
Cuban Roots/Bronx Stories: An Afro-Cuban Coming of Age Story
on Thursday, May 24th at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**

(Bronx, NY – May 21, 2012) The Bronx Council on the Arts' Longwood Arts Project presents a film screening of Pam Sporn's *Cuban Roots* on Thursday, May 24th, at 7:30pm, at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos [Community College] at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Doors will open at 7:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. RSVP at <http://longwoodhiwbicubanroots52412.eventbrite.com>.



Cuban Roots/Bronx Stories: An Afro-Cuban Coming of Age Story highlights the historical journey of an Afro-Cuban family, from Jamaica, to Cuba, to the Bronx. In this compelling film we learn how one family confronted questions of Diaspora, class, race, and identity in the South Bronx of the early 1960s. Diana, Ruben, and Pablo reveal stories of growing political awareness, overcoming the dangers of the streets, and coming into their own as Afro-Latinos. The film will be followed by a brief Q&A.



Pam Sporn is an award-winning, documentary filmmaker whose work interweaves historical narratives and personal storytelling. She has an MFA in Integrated Media Arts from Hunter College where she's taught in the Department of Film and Media Studies. Currently teaching at Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School, she and her students have developed "Fannie Lou TV," an internal, on-line monthly news show. A two-time BCA BRIO award winner, Pam's "Con El Toque De La Chaveta/With a Stroke of the Chaveta" (2007) traces the tradition of "el lector" reading to cigar makers while they work, and, of course, "Cuban Roots/Bronx Stories" (2000), which looks at immigration, racial identity, and US-Cuban relations through the lens of one black Cuban-American family.

Cuban Roots/ Bronx Stories: An Afro-Cuban Coming of Age Story, 2000 is screened at the exhibition **40.85°N by 73.86°W: Home Is Where the Bronx Is** on view at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, the Longwood Arts Project's visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Directions: Hostos Community College is located at 450 Grand Concourse near 149th Street in the Bronx. Take the 2, 4 & 5 trains or Bx1, Bx19 buses to Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

Information: 718-518-6728 or Longwood @ bronxarts.org



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