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## **The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on June 4th BRIO Reception | BRIO Performance | Exhibitions | Book Signing**

(Bronx – May 16, 2014) The [Bronx Council on the Arts](http://www.bronxarts.org) (BCA) celebrates the 25th anniversary of its prestigious **BRIO Award** (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) with a reception and networking event on Wednesday, June 4th as part of the **Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour** at Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street. The evening includes the award presentation for the 2014 BRIO winners, a BRIO exhibition and a BRIO performance all at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos.

The **5:45pm BRIO reception** is among the many activities taking place along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#), including a second art exhibition at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), plus additional exhibitions at [The Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Bronx Documentary Center](#) and [BronxArtSpace](#), then feel free to wind down your trolley night at [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). The **Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour** is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

**June 4th's Trolley begins at 5:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with the opening reception for ***The Time Has Come*** and ***PERCENT FOR GREEN***. *The Time has Come* is BRIO's fourth artist biennial curated by Longwood Director Juanita Lanzo and featuring works by Bronx artists who are 2012 and 2013 BCA BRIO winners in the disciplines of visual and media arts. Artists include Manuel Acevedo, Jeanine Alfieri, Michael Paul Britto, Mark Caraboy, Firan Chisolm, Onyedika Chuke, Patricia Delahanty, Dennis Delgado, Donna Diamond, Sharyn Finnegan, Sean P. Gallegos, Swati Khurana, Ruth Marshall, Adel L. Morales, Laura Napier, Elle Pérez, Amy Pryor, Stephanie Rodríguez, Hrvoje Slovinc, Jennifer Tomaiolo, and Randal Wilcox. ***PERCENT FOR GREEN***, curated by Regina Cornwell, is a social practice piece by Bronx artist Alicia Grullón that looks at green issues and uses Praxis intervention ideas to connect climate change to urban poverty, sustainability and diversity. In conjunction with this exhibition, Alicia Grullón will host a series of roundtables, events and community intergenerational conversations throughout the length of the exhibition. Visit [bronxarts.org](http://bronxarts.org) for dates and details. Both exhibitions are on view June 4 - August 6. **A special performance** at Longwood by actress and 2013 BRIO winner **Juliette Jeffers** of her solo show ***Chocolate Match.com*** will immediately follow the BRIO presentation.

**The trolley bell clangs at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm** indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events. The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The trolley runs on the **First Wednesdays** of each month (except January and September), providing Bronxites and tourists alike a fun way to travel via a replica of an early 20th-century trolley car. Passengers are given the opportunity to sample several of the area's hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.

**In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**, this month's trolley stops and attractions include: **The Bronx Museum of the Arts** for a book signing and reading by Yolanda Rodriguez who discusses her book of bilingual poetry *Alma Derramada/Spilled Soul*. Then tour the museum's current exhibitions: ***In print / Imprint: Works from the Permanent Collection*** — Prints and graphic-art from the Museum's Permanent Collection; ***Nina Talbot: Veterans*** — Ten paintings conveying rarely-told personal stories of America's military men and women; ***Shyu Ruey-Shiann: One Kind of Behavior*** — An installation inspired by the movements of such creatures as the hermit crabs; ***Beyond the Supersquare*** — An exhibition by 30+ artists and 60+ Latin American and Caribbean influenced artworks; and ***Rethinking the Garden Casita*** — Traditional casita engineered to function off the grid in the event of a citywide disaster; **Bronx River Art Center @ BronxArtSpace** for ***TERROIR*** — Work by three visual artists whose art evokes undertones that foster an expansive discourse about the complexities of our society's relationship to land; and **Bronx Documentary Center** for ***The '60s: Decade of Change*** — Photographer Benedict J. Fernandez captures powerful and emotionally-resonant moments of America during the tumultuous 1960s.

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour will return on July 2, 2014. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-June for information on July 2nd's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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