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¡VIVA Cultura!

Bronx Council on the Arts and Culture Trolley Saturdays Celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage on June 5th

(May 28, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts presents an afternoon of free trolley rides and attractions as **Culture Trolley Saturdays returns**, from 12:00 to 5:00pm on June 5th with ¡VIVA Cultura! — A Celebration of Puerto Rican Heritage in the Bronx. The day begins and ends at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott haven section of the Bronx. Admission is free and all are welcome. Call Leenda at 718-931-9500 x23 for information.



In a celebration of the thriving Puerto Rican culture in the Bronx, trolley stops will include live performances, exhibitions, workshops, and more. The trolley will be making continuous loops to and from the venues below throughout the afternoon. Hop on and off the trolley to enjoy the following free afternoon line-up:

<u>12:00 – 5:00pm</u>: Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street (718-518-6728) features selected works from Puerto Ricans artists from the three current exhibitions: ...in the City: Memory, Places and Spaces, Hatuey Ramos-Fermin Transmit-Transit, and Impractical Hats: Indie Crafts Reinvent Everyday Gear.

<u>10:00am – 5:00pm</u>: 152nd Street Cultural Festival hosted by National Puerto Rican Day Parade at 152nd Street between Jackson & Union Avenues.

<u>12:00 – 4:00pm</u>: Pregones Theater at 571-575 Walton Avenue off 149th Street (718-585-1202) hosts *Tango, Never Before Midnight*, photographs by Adriana Groisman, a photographic exhibition presented by En Foco's Travelling Gallery.

<u>12:00 – 5:00pm</u>: BronxArtSpace at 305 East 140th Street (718-401-8144) presents (1) Portraits of Bronx Renaissance Artists: Part 1 — A photographic exhibition and video historical documentation of Bronx artists by Marisol Diaz; (2) A panel discussion will take place between 1:00-3:00pm; (3) Access to Artist Festival: A Celebration of Music and Poetry at 3:30pm featuring live performance by Andy Gonzalez and a bi-lingual poetry reading performance by the NuyoRican School Poetry Jazz Ensemble, Inc. with special guest R. Kenneth Thornton.

12:00pm – 5:00pm: LDR Studio Gallery at 137 Alexander Avenue, Suite 10, 4th floor (917-558-2389) presents *The Receipt is Death* — An exhibition by artists Dude & Magnus have devised an infinite canvas through which they seek to learn, educate and inspire revisiting the theme of 'each one teach one.'

<u>12:00 – 5:00pm</u>: Studios in the Clocktower Building at 112 Lincoln Avenue, off Bruckner Blvd. Visit the studio of Diana Rivera to view her exhibition of conceptual portraiture photography entitled *Masks* and Daniel Colon to view his exhibition of oil paintings. Meet and speak with the artists while you're there.

<u>12:00 – 5:00pm</u>: XL Studio at 2417 3rd Avenue, #403B presents an exhibition of paintings and sculpture installations by Luis Pagan, Xavier, Elizabeth Ortiz, MixMUTT NYC. Meet the artists and check out the special artisan sale.

<u>1:00 – 3:30pm</u>: Betances Community Center (Bronxworks) at 465 Saint Ann's Avenue at 146th Street (718-585-5040) presents three art workshops: (1) Bomba led by Bombayó; (2) Salsa/Mambo led by Jose Henriquez & Assisted by Vivian Gonzalez; and (3) Vejigante Mask Making led by Edith Gomez.

Directions to Hostos: The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (718-518-6728) is located on the campus of Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street, at a busy intersection, just steps from the subway station and bus stop. 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. The trolley will be making continuous loops starting at the Longwood Art Gallery, 12:00-5:00 pm, shuttling riders to the sites on the loop. Visitors are invited to hop on and off the trolley all afternoon.

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