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¡VIVA Cultura!

Bronx Council on the Arts and Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture Celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage on June 6th

(May 29, 2009 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts presents an afternoon of free trolley rides and attractions as **Culture Trolley Saturdays returns on June 6th** with **¡VIVA Cultura!** – A Celebration of Puerto Rican Heritage in the Bronx. Co-produced and sponsored by Wally Edgecombe and the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, the trolley will shuttle people from 12:00-6:00, along its afternoon route.

In a celebration of the thriving Puerto Rican culture in the Bronx, trolley stops will include art and cultural venues and riders will enjoy music from a number of Bronx Indie performers.



BX INDIE

Bronx Indie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore performance sites, to break new ground in various musical genres and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation and fostering an environment for the arts to thrive.

For the June 6th event, live musical performances are scheduled all day long at the casita **Rincon Criollo** located at Brook Ave & 158th Street. This casita (a little house built to mimic the mid-twentieth century houses in Puerto Rico) is one of the few centers that continues to evoke the community and culture of Puerto Rico in Puerto Rico and mainland Bronx. Guests are invited to come and experience the *parranda* ('merry-making) with a line up of performances by Bronx Indie musicians.

The afternoon line-up is as follows: **1:00pm: Obanilu Allende y Pura Plena; 3:00pm: Norka Adal – Bambula; 5:00pm: Matthew Ayala y su Cumbalaya.** There will be a DJ in between setups.

The trolley offers an opportunity for guests to share cultural experiences on and off the trolley:

- **Bomba Yo** will be performing their fabulous musica folklorica on the trolley.
- **LDR Studio Gallery** will showcase **Five Points**, an exhibition exploring five artists' unique vision of Puerto Rican culture, religion and history via photography, poetry, paintings and multimedia installations.
- **Bruckner Gallery** at the Bruckner Bar and Grill will exhibit **OBAMA! Reflections**, a collection of work inspired by the campaign, election and inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The Trolley will also visit the **National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc's 152nd Street Cultural Festival**, (between Jackson and Union Avenues). The festival will be held from 10:00am-6:00pm.

The tour starts at 12:00 noon at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#) (718-518-6728, 450 Grand Concourse, near the 2, 4, and 5 trains at the 149 St-Grand Concourse station) where the exhibitions *Bangin' and Linger* are on view. 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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