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In Progress: First Page Matters
A Free Bronx Writers Center Workshop
Future Home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 East Tremont Avenue
Monday, July 22, 2013 6:30-8:30pm

(Bronx, NY – July 3, 2013) Presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center, ***In Progress: First Page Matters***, a free, hands-on workshop, is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2013, 6:30-8:30pm at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 E Tremont Avenue in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.) Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <http://bronxwriters7222013.eventbrite.com>. *In Progress* is a series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square.

This two-hour workshop begins at **6:30pm** with a half-hour of **Speed Writing**. Each BWC workshop starts with a short writing exercise and an opportunity to meet and share with your fellow writers. From **7:00-8:30pm: First Page Matters**, a look at what makes a first page memorable, enticing and inviting for readers, agents and editors. We will critically read the first pages of contemporary books. Please bring your first pages for our work session. Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. All welcome! Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative energy.

Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. Ms. Romano holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New School. She is a creative writing teacher at Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program for middle and high school students and a volunteer at the nationally recognized non-profit, Girls Write Now. She has also worked as an Academic Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and as a Sales and Production Manager at Avon Books (now part of Harper Collins.) A Bronx-bred, award-winning writer of short stories, essays, she is currently working on a novel.

In Progress is a Bronx Writers Center 2013 workshop series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square. Postings for the series can be found on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org. For additional information on this workshop or other BWC events, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail bronxwriters@bronxarts.org, or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at www.bronxarts.org.

The **Bronx Writers Center** supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx. The BWC searches for and promotes new voices and audiences and engages the community in literary and literacy programs. The **Bronx Council on the Arts** is celebrating 50 years as a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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