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## **First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley Rolls Again on August 1st** **BRIO Reception | Exhibitions | Music | Book Signing | Designers Bazaar**

(Bronx – July 19, 2012) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) celebrates the 23rd anniversary of its prestigious BRIO Award (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) with a reception and networking event on Wednesday, August 1st as part of the evening's Bronx Culture Trolley at Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street.



**The BRIO reception** is among the many activities taking place along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#), including art exhibitions at [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [The Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [BronxArtSpace](#), and [The Clock Café & Martini Bar](#). BCA's artists and artisans collaborate in this month's special Designers' Bazaar taking place within the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. Later on, you can wind down your trolley night with food and drink at the [Clock Café & Martini Bar](#) or the [Bruckner Bar & Grill](#). [The Bronx Culture Trolley](#) is a program of the [Bronx Council on the Arts](#) (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

**August 1st Trolley** begins at the **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm for a meet-and-greet reception and our special **Made in the Bronx: The Designers' Bazaar** in which Bronx designers will display original and one-of-a-kind clothing, home and personal accessories, jewelry, paintings, paper goods, and more! Participating artists and artisans include Sean Paul Gallegos, Valarie Irazarry, Fran Marino, Patricia Nelson, Star Nigro, Elizabeth Ortiz, Diana Pucci, Gail Sharbaan, and Daniel del Valle. Designers' work will be on view until Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Special treats throughout the evening include **Music by DJ Paulo Rojas**, **Desserts by Whoopies Miniature Dessert Co.**, and a **Longwood Art Gallery Exhibition Slideshow** featuring exhibitions from the gallery's past season and a preview of some of the shows scheduled for the upcoming season.

**The Designers' Bazaar** is a presentation of BCA's **IT'S ELASTIC!** a summer season full of fun, interactive, and new projects for public engagement during afternoon and evening hours at various Bronx locations through August 16. Community presentations will showcase BCA's artists and cultural workers in a series of open events, performances, and workshops. Visit BCA website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) for information and locations of **IT'S ELASTIC!** activities.

**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 Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on **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, slideshow, readings and conversations with poet Bobby Gonzalez who discuss his latest book *The Last Puerto Rican Indian: A Collection of Dangerous Poetry*, and a guided tour of the museum's exhibitions: *Urban Archives: The Rituals of Chaos*, *Bronx Lab: Style Wars*, and *revolution not televised*; **BronxArtSpace** for a viewing of *Visions/ Re-Visions: Caribbean & African American Women Artists Cultural Issues* in which five artists of widely varied age and experience confront their African & Caribbean heritage, individual identities and class issues; and **The Clock Café & Martini Bar** for a viewing of *Beyond the Hanging Garden: Recent work by Sofia Bachvarova* which explores the bewitching possibilities of color as entry point to the psyche where cloudier and more sinister undercurrents dwell.

**Please Note: The Bronx Culture Trolley WILL NOT RUN in September.** The Bronx Culture Trolley will roll again on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-September for information on October 3rd's Bronx Culture Trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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