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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
continue the 2014 Summer Concert Series in the Northwest Bronx
at Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center on Thursday, August 14th**

(July 31, 2014 — Bronx, NY) Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz continue their summer concert series in the Northwest Bronx on **Thursday, August 14th, 7:00-9:00pm**, with an encore performance by **John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band** at **Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center's Ballfield**. Bring your blankets, bring your chairs and enjoy the show. The concert is free, open to the public, and all are welcome.

Our venue host and co-presenter for the evening is Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center at 3225 Reservoir Oval East (cross streets: 208th Street & Bainbridge Avenue). Phone: 718-543-8672 or 718-515-2495.

Rain Location: The Recreation Center's second floor Multi-Purpose Room. **Information:** www.bronxarts.org, phil@bronxarts.org, or 718-931-9500 x33. Please call 917-972-2386 on the evening of performance.

Grammy award-winning bassist **John Benitez** was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. A first-call bassist by 19 in San Juan's thriving Jazz and Latin music scenes, he performed with such well-known artists as Chick Corea, Lucecita Benitez, Batacumbela, Lalo Rodriguez, Cuco Peña, Roberto Rohena, and Justo Betancourt. In 1993, John moved to New York, studied with Ron Carter and earned a BFA in music at the Manhattan School of Music. His education was not limited to formal classroom study, learning on the bandstand while performing with such Jazz and Latin musicians as Wynton Marsalis, Tito Puente, Michele Camilo, Dave Valentin, Eddie Palmieri, Bobby Watson, David Sanchez, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Roy Hargrove, Antonio Hart, Danilo Perez, Kenny Kirkland, Will Calhoun, Chucho Valdez, Don Pullen, Dave Samuels, and Mongo Santamaria. Learn more about John and his music at johnbenitez.com.



On Monday, August 25th, Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center will play host to an evening with the **Orquesta SCC Salsa Orchestra**. Orquesta SCC, is a Salsa orchestra based in New York City. The band was formed in 2013 by founder, composer and conguero Jose Vazquez-Cofresi. Orquesta SCC, whose acronym stands for Salsa Con Conciencia (salsa music with conscience) have made it their mission to make music that benefits society in more ways than sound alone can achieve. Orquesta (orchestra) SCC are made up of 11 pieces, making them a modern big band by

contemporary standards. They are well known and respected for shunning the traditional suit-and-tie uniform of former-day salsa players, as well as for breaking from many unnecessary traditions in order to recreate the genuine Latin style and sound in a manner that befits the modern era of music. A key component to this new, cutting-edge mode is their attention to lyrical themes, which often deal with the issues and complexities of modern society. Learn more about the band and their music at <http://orqsc.com>.

The remaining two concerts in the series are listed below. All concert times are 7:00-9:00pm.

- **Tuesday, August 26th**, Riverdale YM-YWHA (5625 Arlington Ave): **Gene Dinapoli's Oldies Band**.
- **Wednesday, August 27th**, Henry Hudson Park (Independence Ave & Kappock St): **Just Nuts Party Band**.

For more information regarding these events or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Dinowitz' District Office at 718-796-5345.

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