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SPARC 2015 Call for Artists

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** (BCA) is calling for artists who would like to be part of its SPARC 2015 program. SPARC (Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide) is a community arts engagement program that places artists-in-residence at senior centers across the five boroughs of New York City.

There will be nine residencies in the Bronx at the following locations: Bronx House Weinberg NSC (990 Pelham Pkwy South), Bronxworks Morris ISC (80 E 181 St), Casa Boricua (910 E 172 St), JASA Coop City (2049 Bartow Ave), N Shopp Leon (735 E 152 St), PEP for Seniors NORC (1525 Unionport Rd), Rain Nereid (720 Nereid Ave), Riverdale YM-YWHA (5625 Arlington Ave) and Sister Annunciata Bethell (243 E 204 St).

The program provides artists with a stipend and access to workspace in senior centers in exchange for the creation and delivery of arts programming for seniors. Selected artists will engage seniors in an art project or series of cultural programs during the residency, which must also include a public program component — exhibits, readings, performances, open houses and other cultural interactions open to the surrounding community.

Artists are selected through a competitive application process. For SPARC 2015 guidelines, application and information, go to www.bronxarts.org/sparc.asp. Artists interested in working with a center in another borough should visit the website of that borough's local arts council for application materials and guidelines.

The submission deadline is Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

A Q&A session for all interested artists is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th at 12:00 noon. It will take place at Bronx Council on the Arts located on 1738 Hone Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461.

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