

## First Wednesdays Bronx Culture Trolley Returns on November 7th Art Exhibitions | Music & Dance Performances | Literary Reading

(Bronx – October 26, 2012) The **Bronx Culture Trolley** rolls again on **Wednesday, November 7th** featuring a number of family activities along the [South Bronx Cultural Corridor](#) including art exhibitions at the [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [BronxArtSpace](#), [LDR Studio Gallery](#), [The Clock Cafe & Martini Bar](#). The Longwood Art Gallery will also present a dance performance and host a conversation with artist Jose Buscaglia, the Bronx Museum will feature a literary event, and you can wind down your trolley night with food, drink at Clock Cafe or [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.



**November 7th's 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 a viewing of ***Puerto Rico In Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis***, an exhibition of works on paper and sculpture by Puerto Rican artist, educator and social scientist José Buscaglia. The exhibition comments on the legacy of colonialism and the history of oppression in the Caribbean, the Americas and Africa in the midst of a global crisis and change. ***Plaza de la Identidad: Public Art Under House Arrest*** is an installation of Buscaglia's 2003 public work commissioned by the Puerto Rican legislature which, until recently, was kept in storage because it was deemed too nationalistic for public display. Also in the gallery, a **6:00pm Young Roots Dance Performance** and a **7:00pm Conversation with exhibiting artist Jose Buscaglia** and guests. **Outside the gallery in the Hostos Memorial Plaza at 6:30pm: *Conversing Bricks***, an installation by artist Hatuey Ramos-Fermin. The bricks, initially sent to Congress in an effort to convince them to build a wall on the US-Mexico border, were brought to the Bronx for use in a pro-immigrant art installation, turning their message of hate and division into one of hope and reconciliation.

**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 readings and conversations with author Ramone Smith who will discuss his recent book *African American Healthy Self-Esteem*. Also, there will be a guided tour of the museum's exhibitions: (1) *Urban Archives: The Rituals of Chaos* complements the work of Mexico's renowned photojournalist Enrique Metinides; (2) *Bronx Lab: Style Wars*, a group exhibition about graffiti that includes painting, drawings, prints, sculpture, and video; and (3) *smARTcorner: China and Turkey*, a digitally-based exhibition reflecting the art scene in countries where the smARTpower program operates; **En Foco at Pregones** for a viewing of *Relaciones & Relatos / Relations & Tales*: an exhibition of photographs by Alex Morel exploring themes of family and the passage of time as a final testament to the lives and experiences of those closest to him; **Gordon Parks Gallery & Cultural Arts Center** for a viewing of the group exhibition *Bronx Latin American Art Biennial III, Illusory Correlation* expressing the human condition and reflecting the notions of progress, civilizations, welfare, society and culture; **BronxArtSpace Synthetic Zero Event** of experimental film, video & audio installations, performances, and visual art; **LDR Studio Gallery** for a viewing of *The Moment of Daring Imagination*, an exhibition of painting, drawing, photography, prints, video, and sound by twelve Bronx artists from LDR's Permanent Collection; and the **Clock Cafe & Martini Bar** for 6:15 & 7:15pm performances by Jen Shyu, internationally-known musician, singer, recording artist and BCA BRIO winner and a viewing of its current art exhibition.

The Bronx Culture Trolley will roll again on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, launching BCA's 50th anniversary season. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-November for information on December 5th'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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