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**An Evening of Movement and Music with BX Indie Artists and BCA BRIO Winners  
Christal Brown and Alethea Pace on November 14th at the Riverdale Y**

(November 6, 2009 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) BX Indie Performance Series and the Performance Space at the Riverdale Y present an evening of contemporary dance on Saturday, November 14th, from 8:00-10:00pm, as BX Indie Artists Christal Brown (choreographer) and Alethea Pace (dancer) perform original choreography to live music. Each artist will present works of contemporary dance in two separate performances.

Admission to the show is \$12 (general) and \$6 (students & seniors). Tickets can be purchased at [www.riverdaley.org](http://www.riverdaley.org) and at the door. A discount will be offered to holders of BCA's Bronx Cultural Card. All are welcome. The Riverdale Y is located at 5625 Arlington Avenue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. For information about the Y, call 718-548-8200 or visit their website. The Riverdale Y is wheelchair accessible.

**Christal Brown**, a two-time BRIO winner for choreography, is the founder and artistic director of INSPIRIT, a dance company, which creates contemporary works that are woven with themes of spiritual exuberance and ancestral strength from her African heritage. The dances range from postmodern forms to traditional West African, from ballet to yoga, to name a few. INSPIRIT has shown work at Aaron Davis Hall, St. Marks Church, Joyce Soho, The Lincoln Theater of Washington, DC, and other venues across the country.

**Alethea Pace**, a two-time BRIO winner for dance, was trained in her native Bronx. She was a member of the Arthur Aviles Typical Theater for eight years where she was committed to creating dance works for her community. Alethea has also performed with Karl Anderson, Doug Elkins, Erick Montes, Sipa Fredrick and Marta Renzi, to name a few. She will be performing with the Physual Dance Company choreographed by Richard Rivera.



Alethea Pace (l.) and Christal Brown perform original choreography to live music on Saturday, November 14th at the Riverdale Y at 5625 Arlington Avenue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. This evening of contemporary dance is a presentation of the Bronx Council on the Arts' BX Indie Performance Series and the Performance Space at the Riverdale Y.

*Photos courtesy of the performers.*

**BX Indie Events** are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation and fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BX Indie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

**The BRIO Award**, now in its 20th year, is a demonstration of the Bronx Council on the Arts' outreach and support to artists awarding \$3,000 to 25 Bronx artists annually for artistic excellence in literary, media, performing, and visual arts. BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) is one of the longest individual support mechanisms for artists in the country.

**The Bronx Council on the Arts**, the officially designated cultural agency of the Bronx, has been providing quality cultural services and arts programs to a multi-cultural constituency of our borough for over 45 years. Its mission is to encourage and increase the public's awareness and participation in the arts and to nurture the development of artists and arts and cultural organizations.

**The Riverdale YM-YWHA** provides individuals and families of all backgrounds and abilities an environment to grow, to learn, and to deepen their understanding of themselves and their connections to one another. Their cultural, social, educational, health and wellness programs offer members of all ages multiple pathways into the richness of our local community life.

**Directions to the Riverdale Y:**

**By Express Bus:** Riverdale-Mid-Manhattan Express bus to Riverdale Avenue & 256th Street.

**By Subway:** IRT No. 1 train to Broadway and 231st Street. Take bus No. 7 or No. 10 (must indicate stops above 246th St.) to 256th St., cross over Riverdale Ave., turn right on Arlington Ave., Y is on your left.

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