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CrossBRONX Comes Home: A Celebration of Bronx Writers

Wed, November 4th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos
Hostos Community College
450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(October 22, 2009 – Bronx) ***CrossBRONX.org***, the online literary journal published by the Bronx Writers' Center, celebrates its *Home* edition on Wednesday, November 4th with a free event celebrating writing set in the borough. The writers featured in *CrossBRONX* will read from their poems and stories at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, from 6:30-8:00pm. Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa, writer of the newly published novel, *Daughters of the Stone*, is the featured reader. She will also be signing books (available for purchase on site.) This literary event will be held in conjunction with the evening's Bronx Culture Trolley.

This second "issue" of *CrossBRONX* was edited by 2008/2009 BCA Literary Arts Fellow, Silvia Morales. Silvia chose works that revealed the Bronx in light and in shadow, in comfort and in fear, in childhood adventures and in adult situations, the broad swathe of experience that makes the Bronx so fruitful a landscape for writers and artists. Sam J. Miller, the other 2008/2009 BCA Literary Arts Fellow, also contributed a story, "Outside the Pack."

On November 4th, poets Carlo Baldi, Bernice McWilliams, Ed Mouzon, Sima Rabinowitz and Elisabeth von Uhl will read their work. Writers Jeremy Greenfield and Stacey Engels will share their stories. And, novelist, BRIO winner and former BCA Literary Arts Fellow Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa will read an excerpt from *Daughters of the Stone*, (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press) which follows the lives of five generations of Afro-Puerto Rican women and focuses on the legacy passed from one generation to the next.

CrossBRONX publishes short stories, creative non-fiction, poetry and interviews written by Bronx writers or that are set in the Bronx. It is updated monthly. Comments and reactions are encouraged on the website. Submissions are accepted through e-mail only, at crossbronx@bronxarts.org.

Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa was born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York City. She taught in the New York City school system before becoming a young-adult librarian. Dahlma has won the Bronx Council on the Arts BRIO award and Literary Arts Fellowship. This is her first novel. She lives in the Bronx.

Sam J. Miller is a writer and a community organizer. His short stories and essays have appeared in literary journals such as *The Minnesota Review*, *Fiction International*, *Fourteen Hills*, *Permafrost*, and *Monkeybicycle*. He has been nominated twice for a Pushcart Prize. At his day job, Sam has organized homeless people to successfully fight for changes to New York City and state housing policy. He also coordinated the writing of a major housing report that has been made required reading in urban planning courses at Columbia University.

Silvia Morales grew up in the Bronx, the daughter of an artist who taught her to love the arts. She has long been a supporter and defender of arts programs in New York City public schools, having spent over ten years teaching high school English and Spanish. Teaching allowed her to encourage an appreciation of art and literature in countless students, an appreciation which she has also passed on to her two daughters. She currently teaches composition as an instructor in the City University of New York.

The Bronx Writers' Center, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), is devoted to promoting and supporting the development of writers, the literary community and the audience for literary programming in the Bronx.

In related programming, BCA's Bronx Writers' Center will be holding **free monthly writers' meetings**, from 5:30-7:30pm, on Thursday November 5th, December 10th and January 7th. Bronx Writers are welcome to network and discuss their work. All are welcome. The Center is located in the Westchester Square Library at 2521 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. 718-931-9500 x21.

November is National Novel Writing Month and the Bronx Writers' Center welcomes all Bronxites participating in NANOWRIMO to commiserate, write and work on their novel. Join us on Thursday, October 29th, November 12th, November 19th, from 11:00am-5:00pm. Admission is free. Support and refreshments will be provided. The Center is located in the Westchester Square Library at 2521 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. 718-931-9500 x21.

The Bronx Writers' Center invites you to **Tell Your Story** during its two-part **Memoir Writing Workshop** on Thursday, November 19th and December 13th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Do you have a personal story that you've always wanted to tell? Join us for this free workshop that guides you through the process of accessing your memory and writing it down. The workshop takes place at the Huntington Free Library at 9 Westchester Square, Bronx, NY 10461. 718-931-9500 x21.

For more information on the Bronx Writers' Center and any of its workshops and literary events, please call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail maria@bronxarts.org, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

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