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**December 2nd Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour  
Art Exhibitions, Food Sampling and, of course, a Ride on the Trolley!**

(Bronx, NY – November 20, 2015) **The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), returns on December 2nd with exhibitions at BCA's [Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos](#), [No Longer Empty](#), [Bronx Museum of the Arts](#), [Metropolitan College of New York-Bronx Extension Center](#), [Bronx Documentary Center](#), [BronxArtSpace](#) and [LDR Studio Gallery](#). Additionally, your visit to No Longer Empty will include food sampling by *Come Mas Bronx Cuisine*, a new food delivery service that will provide affordable, healthy, gourmet-caliber cuisine to Bronx and select Manhattan residents. The evening begins and ends at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board the trolley and enjoy them.

**Directions to Hostos:** Subway: 2, 4 & 5 trains; Bus: BX1, BX2 & BX19; all destinations to 149th Street/Grand Concourse.

**December 2nd's trolley begins at 5:00pm** at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with the closing reception for **Jorge Soto Sanchez**. The late Nuyorican artist and Taller Boricua member (1947-1987), is honored in an exhibition featuring selected paintings, ink drawings and mixed media. The show includes versions of his best known work *El velorio de Oller en nueva york*. His distinctive iconography which blends African and pre-Columbian motifs, among other traditions, expressing the multiracial and multicultural composition of Puerto Rican identity. This show is curated by Gladys Pena Acosta.

**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 trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. The trolley runs on the **First Wednesday** 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:

- **No Longer Empty** for ***Intersecting Imaginaries*** presenting works that speak to memory and lived experience as the binding fibers of community. **At 6:30pm**, Randall Wilcox, founder of *Come Mas Bronx Cuisine*, will speak about the availability of food in the Bronx while serving a series of appetizers that map the diversity of Bronx-based flavors.
- **Bronx Museum of the Arts** for **Free Guided Tours of the museum's exhibitions:** *(de) (re) construct: Artworks from the Permanent Collection*; *Trees Are Alphabets*; *Martin Wong: Human Instamatic*; *Transitions: New Photography from Bangladesh*. Visit [bronxmuseum.org](http://bronxmuseum.org) for detailed descriptions.
- **Metropolitan College of New York-Bronx Extension Center** for ***My People, Mi Gente, Sauti Watu*** wherein artists are invited to explore the roots of cultural origins. This exhibition includes panoramic depictions of the global neighborhood.
- **Bronx Documentary Center** for a viewing of ***Via PanAm: The Pursuit of Happiness Kadir van Lohuizen***, an audio-visual installation and prints following the artist's footsteps from the very south of Chile to the very north of Alaska.
- **BronxArtSpace** for ***Appointment in Samarra***, an exhibition of videos, photographs, paintings and prints addressing a contemporary world spun out of control, standing as a set of questions about knowledge and understanding.
- **LDR Studio Gallery** for ***Rise of the S.B.X. Super Artist*** — Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) for description of exhibition.

The Bronx Trolley First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour does not run in January. The trolley will return on February 3, 2016. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-January for information on February 3rd's trolley as well as other BCA programs and activities. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.

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