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BCA's Holly Bolly Trolley rolls December 4th

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(Bronx – November 19, 2013) The **Bronx Culture Trolley returns on Wednesday, November 4th** with an evening of art and photography exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Pregones Theater, Gordon Parks Gallery, Bronx Documentary Center and BronxArtSpace. The Bronx Museum of the Arts will feature a book signing and reading. BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos will host a special performance by Bollywood Dancers led by Bharati Kemraj. Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

December 4th's Trolley begins 5:00pm at **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos** (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with a meet-and-greet reception and viewing of our current exhibitions. ***El Diario/La Prensa 100th Anniversary Celebration: In The Headlines: Latino New Yorkers 1980-2001*** (in the Main Gallery) features over 40 photographs, news articles, and historic front pages from El Diario/La Prensa, the longest-publishing Spanish language daily newspaper in the United States, chronicles the growth and transformation of the Hispanic Community in the Bronx, from the early revitalization of the borough in the 1980s through September 11, 2001. Also on view (in the Project Room) is ***Esther Pagan: My Colors of Cancer***, a multimedia installation of photographs, hand-crafted hats, sculptural elements, and poetry. The show is activated online via her interactive web blog mycolorsofcancer.com. Esther was forever changed by breast cancer. This exhibition invites us to share as it celebrates her life, artistry, recovery and ultimate beauty created from personal struggle. Also in the gallery, witness the beautiful colors, customs and artistry of the Bollywood cultural tradition with **Bollywood Dances** led by Bharati Kemraj, plus some holiday treats for the children in attendance.

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 the **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 a book signing and reading by Bronx authors Mark Naison and Melissa Castillo-Garsow who discuss their latest book *Pure Bronx*; a tour of the museum's current exhibitions: ***Paulo Bruscky: Art is our Last Hope*** documents his encounters with the Recife culture in books, photographs, and other media; ***Tony Feher***, a comprehensive survey of the works of American sculptor Tony Feher; and ***Orchard Beach: The Bronx Riviera***, an exhibition featuring portraits of the summertime regulars and celebrating the pride and dignity of those who frequent Orchard Beach;
- **Andrew Freedman Home** for the mansion's ***First Artists-in-Residence Exhibition****;*
- Three photographic exhibitions: ***In Reference To*** at **En Foco at Pregones Theater,** ***Bridging the Gap*** at **Gordon Park Gallery & Cultural Arts Center**, and ***Refuge Hotel*** at **Bronx Documentary Center**;
- **Bronx River Art Gallery @ BronxArtSpace** for ***Knitting, I Need You,*** a performance installation by Marie Christine Katz.

NOTE: The Bronx Culture Trolley does not run in January. It will return on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-January for information on February 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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