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Bronx Council on the Arts Announces 2009-10 Local Recipients of Municipal and State Funds

(Bronx, NY – January 20, 2010) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) is proud to announce the recipients of both New York State Council on the Arts' (NYSCA) Decentralization and Arts-in-Education grants and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants. The awards will be presented at a reception on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos in conjunction with that evening's First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley event. The ceremony will be attended by representatives of recipient organizations, artists, schools, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and members of BCA's Board of Directors. The Longwood Art Gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street in the Bronx.

Each year the Bronx Council on the Arts provides artists and organizations the opportunity to apply for funds serving a variety of purposes. These funds are received from the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs charged with fostering the continuing development of local cultural resources responsive to community needs. Applications for the 2010-2011 grants will be available beginning July. For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org. The applications for all three grants were reviewed and grantees were selected by panels that included artists and representatives of the arts community as well as civic organizations.

This year's grantees are: **NYSCA Decentralization:** Aging in America Community Services, Inc., Bardekova Ensemble, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, Baychester Youth Council, Inc., Bronx Community Cable Programming Corp. (BronxNET), Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Defenders, Bronx Land Trust, Bronx Spotlight Theatre, Bronx Symphony Orchestra, Center Stage Community Playhouse, Inc., City Island Historical Society, City Island Theater Group, D.A.N.C.E., Inc., Derfner Judaica Museum, Friends of Pelham Bay Park, Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery, Garces Puppeteria, Highbridge Voices, Hope of Israel Senior Center, INSPIRIT: a dance company, SCAN-NY Volunteer Parent Aides Assoc., Inc., Papatian, Studio 889, Citizens Advice Bureau, Jessica Danser/Dansfolk with Odyssey House, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc., Mosholu Preservation Corp., Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, Orchestra of the Bronx, Parkchester Chorus, Riverdale Choral Society, Riverdale Community Center, Inc., Riverdale Senior Services, Riverdale YM-YWHA, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, St. Raymond Community Outreach, Inc., Tremont United Methodist Church, Uptown Coffeehouse, Inc, and Youth on the Move.

NYSCA Arts-in-Education: Alfred E. Smith CTE H.S. / Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Charter School for Excellence / Making Books Sing, Casita Maria / UA Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists, La Tonia Phipps / Kingsbridge International Magnet H.S., M.S. 223 The Laboratory School of Finance and Tech / Multicultural Music Group, P.S. 5 Port Morris/ Doing Art Together, P.S. 78 Anne Hutchinson School / Notes in Motion, P.S. 86 Kingsbridge Heights / Lehman College Art Gallery, P.S. 90 G. Meany School / Revels-Bey Music, P.S. 175 / Bronx Arts Ensemble, P.S. 304 The Early Childhood Lab School / Garces Puppeteria, School for Excellence / Contemporary Ballet Theatre, and South Bronx Academy for Applied Media (MS 296) / Teachers and Writers Collaborative.

DCA Greater New York Arts Development Fund: Nancy Benignus, Bronx Concert Singers, Bronx Hoot Reunion Committee, Melissa A Calderon, Linda Cunningham, Jessica Danser, Marisol Diaz, D.A.N.C.E., Inc., Garces Puppeteria, Andrew Gonzalez, Josie Gonzalez, Kevin Kane, The Literary Freedom Project, Jose L. Ortiz, Papatian, Freddy Sepulveda, and Sinfonietta of Riverdale.

About the Grants: The NYSCA awards are from the Decentralization program and the Arts-in-Education program. The Decentralization funds or Community Arts grant is open to Bronx arts- and community-based organizations that utilize the arts to help fulfill their missions. Eligible organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 in support for a variety of arts and cultural projects. This year BCA re-granted a total of \$83,000 of NYSCA Decentralization funds to 41 organizations. The NYSCA Arts Education grants are offered to partnerships consisting of a local school (public, private, or parochial) and either an artist or arts organization utilizing the arts integration model for short-term classroom residencies aimed at improving student achievement in core academic subjects using state learning standards. This year BCA awarded \$21,400 to 13 partnerships

The DCA Greater New York Arts Development Funds are open to Bronx-based artists and arts organizations with organizational budgets under \$100,000 who do not receive direct funding from DCA and are eager to provide arts activities to borough residents. These activities can include performances, exhibits, literary readings or other demonstrations of one or more art forms. BCA awarded \$50,000 to 17 applicants.

Directions: The Longwood Art Gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. The college is easily accessible by the # 4 and # 5 IRT trains and by the Bx1 and Bx19 buses – all destinations at Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

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