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**Bronx Council on the Arts Launches 2012-2013 BCA/DCA Arts Fund Grant for Local Artists and Arts Organizations**

(Bronx – August 30, 2012) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) is seeking submissions from Bronx-based arts organizations and artists for public projects that have not taken place due to lack of funding or projects already scheduled for which additional funds would make a significant impact. This initiative is geared towards arts organizations with annual budgets under \$100,000 for two of the last three years, as well as independent artists who are unaffiliated. This grant, which ranges up to \$5000, will only support projects that demonstrate a community/public benefit.

Bronx-based, not-for-profit arts organizations whose central mission is the production, preservation, publication or demonstration of one or more art forms are eligible for funding. Organizations that do not have 501(C)(3) status may apply if they are at least charity-registered with New York State (see <http://www.charitiesnys.com/pdfs/char410.pdf>). All organizations must be Bronx-based and cannot be funded by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

**Artists may apply directly to the Fund.** The artist must be a Bronx resident with proof of residency. Proof of residency includes: NYS DMV Driver's license, NYS DMV Photo ID, current utility bill with artists name, or current phone bill with artist name.

The Bronx Council on the Arts will present a "How-to-Apply" session taking place on Wednesday, September 5th 2:00pm at the Poe Park & Visitors Center, located at 2640 Grand Concourse, between East Kingsbridge Road and East 192 Street.

**Deadline for online submissions for the Arts Fund Grant is 5:00pm on Friday, October 19, 2012. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2013.**

All projects — Presenting, performances, exhibitions, film/video series, workshops, classes, etc. — must be fully public in nature and take place at a Bronx site.

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