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**BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF *BRIO VI - Material, Culture + Conditions***

15 Artist Grantees of 2014 and 2015 Address Socio-Economic, Environment and Political Issues

(Bronx, NY, May 27, 2016) – Using a variety of visual media, Bronx artists express their views, joy and dismay regarding contemporary society in artworks at the exhibition titled *BRIO VI - Material, Culture + Conditions*, to be held at **Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College**, located at **450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street**. The show was curated by Juanita Lanzo.

All 15 participants previously were awarded fellowships for their outstanding artistic talents in the 2014 and 2015 competitions of *Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO)*, sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts. An **opening reception** will be held on **Wednesday, June 1 at 5:00 pm**. *BRIO VI - Material, Culture + Conditions* is on view June 1 - August 3, 2016.

“The BRIO Biennial promotes the visual arts and individual artists throughout the borough of the Bronx. It creates dialogue with the public and fosters community between members of three peer groups of BRIO grant,” said Deirdre Scott, Executive Director of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Participating artists, Philip Bell, Yarisa Colón-Torres, Borinquen Gallo, Nigel Ho Sang, Heidi Johnson, Lisa Lebofsky, Ruth Marshall, Arnaldo Morales, Agnes Murray, Nelson Pena, Amy Pryor, Ignacio Soltero, Christy Speakman, Edwin Torres and Tammy Wofsey.

For details on BCA’s June 1st BRIO events, please e-mail [BRIO@bronxarts.org](mailto:BRIO@bronxarts.org). For information on BCA grants, programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, please visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

**Directions to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos:** Take #2, 4 or 5 trains or Bx1, Bx19 buses to Grand Concourse and 149 Street.

Gallery Hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12-5 pm and by appointment on Wednesday. Closed Friday and Saturday, and Sunday, plus Monday, July 4.

This program is made possible with public funds from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs; NYS Council on the Arts; the Lambent Foundation; the Lily Auchincloss Foundation, Inc.; Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture; the Bronx Delegation of the NYC Council - including Council Member James Vacca, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member Rafael Salamanca Jr.; and Council Members Fernando Cabrera and Andrew Cohen.

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