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Bronx Council on the Arts 2012 BRIO Award
Submission Deadline is Friday, January 27, 2012

(Bronx — January 9, 2012) The submission deadline for the Bronx Council on the Arts' 2012 BRIO award is Friday January 27, 2012 at 11:59pm. Application and guidelines for the 2012 BRIO (**Bronx Recognizes Its Own**) awards is available online on the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) website at www.bronxarts.org.

Please note that completed BRIO applications can only be submitted online no later than 11:59pm on Friday, January 27, 2012.

This year marks 23 years of BRIO Fellowships demonstrating the Bronx Council on the Arts' ongoing outreach and support to artists creating work in the literary, media, performing, and visual arts. Bronx artists may apply in one of the following categories: Acting, Choreography, Crafts, Dance, Digital Arts, Fiction, Film Animation, Illustration/Artist Book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative/Documentary/Experimental Film or Video, Non-Fiction, Painting, Performance Art, Performance Poetry, Photography, Playwriting, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing, Screenwriting, Sculpture, Spoken Word, and Storytelling.

A total of 25 awards of \$3,000 each are available this year to Bronx artists. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and not be enrolled as a full-time graduate or undergraduate student. Individuals who work for BCA or who are recipients of any of the Council's awards in 2011 including BRIO, Bronx Writers Center Fellowship Program, or Digital Matrix Commissioning Program are also ineligible.

The selection of the awards are based solely on artistic excellence and decided by a panel of professional artists of various disciplines. All materials involved in the selection process are kept confidential and are reviewed anonymously. Winners are notified of panel decisions by e-mail approximately four months after the deadline date and are invited to an awards ceremony in June to receive the first payment of \$2,500. The remaining balance of \$500 is to be paid to the artist upon completion of a community service activity which is required of all awardees.

A final application assistance workshop will take place on Friday, January 20, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. We urge you to attend, but space is limited. Please RSVP at www.bronxarts.org. **Individual consultations will be available by appointment only** on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Call 718-931-9500 x35 for information or e-mail BRIO@bronxarts.org.

Application assistance for 2012's BRIO Award is also available during BCA's BRIO Café Saturdays, scheduled for January 14th and 21st, from 10:30am to 5:30pm at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. At BRIO Café Saturdays all are welcome to socialize and collaborate, create dialogue and network with other artists. This is also a chance to hear directly from BRIO winners and gain their valuable insight. **On January 14th**, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, Toni Roberts will discuss "Initiating a Conscious Relationship with Your Muse" showing you how to unlock your deep-rooted creative energy. **On January 21st**, from 11:30am to 2:30pm, enjoy and/or participate in a "Spoken Word Open Mic" featuring a Griots Collective. Each week includes a free tour of the gallery, as well as a craft sale where you can meet and talk with Bronx artisans. Admission is free and all are Welcome!

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