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\$75,000 to Be Awarded to 25 Bronx Artists in 2016 BRIO Awards of Bronx Council on the Arts

(May 27, 2016 – Bronx, NY) Twenty-five Bronx artists were selected by the **Bronx Council on the Arts** for awards that recognize artistic excellence in the annual *Bronx Recognizes Its Own* (BRIO) grant award ceremony. An award reception will be held on **Wednesday, June 1st at 6:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College**, located at **450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street**. The 2016 BRIO Award recipients each receive a grant of \$3,000. The names of artists and their respective disciplines are listed below.

“Each year we are overwhelmed by the breadth of media and the artistry of the entrants. This group utilizes sophisticated digital resources and demonstrates how technology is giving artists even more tools for experimentation and creativity,” said Lydia Clark, BRIO Director.

“The 27-year history of BRIO documents the diversity of Bronx artists and their engagement with and commitment to neighborhoods, communities and the borough as a whole,” said Deirdre Scott, Executive Director of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Since its inception in 1989, BRIO has provided more than \$1,080,000 to 360 artists. The selection of the grantees is based solely on the artistic excellence of the work submitted and judged anonymously by a panel of 40 arts professionals (different panelists each year) from outside the Bronx and working in each respective field. Over its 27 years, BRIO has grown from ten annual awards of \$1,500 to 25 annual awards of \$3,000. The Bronx is the only borough in New York City to award an ongoing fellowship to artists.

An integral component of BRIO is *Artists for Community Enrichment* (ACE) which requires each grantee to present a one-time public service activity that benefits the community within the one-year period of the award. The ACE was created to provide artists with additional visibility and also to provide Bronxites opportunities to experience the wealth of artistic talent in our borough.

The BRIO ceremony, which is free and open to the public, coincides with the opening reception for *BRIO VI - Material, Culture + Conditions*. This exhibition features 16 BRIO grantees in Visual Arts and Media of 2014 and 2015. This artwork touches upon the current state of socio-economics, the environment and politics. It is on view June 1 - August 3, 2016.

For details on BCA’s June 1st BRIO events, please e-mail BRIO@bronxarts.org. For information on BCA Grants, programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, please visit 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.

This program is made possible with public funds from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs; NYS Council on the Arts; the Lambert 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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Bronx Council on the Arts Announces 2016 Grantees of BRIO - *Bronx Recognizes Its Own*

Literary Arts

Dominic Colon	Screenwriting
Alison Koffer	Poetry
Sarah Stern	Poetry
Court Wayne	Fiction
Maryrose Wood	Fiction

Media Arts

Richard Grunn	Experimental Film/Video
Ursula Liang	Documentary Film/Video
Emmitt Thrower	Documentary Film/Video

Performing Arts

Davi Davis	Choreography
Laura Kaminsky	Music Composition
Gregory Lathan	Music Composition
Alethea Pace	Dance
Rock Wilk	Acting

Visual Arts

Alison Collins	Installation Art
Linda Cunningham	Mixed Media
Donna Diamond	Drawing
Martine Fougeron	Photography
Ivan Gaete	Mixed Media 2D
Jocelyn Jeannot	Photography
Jessica Lagunas	Artist Book
Aristides Logothetis	Sculpture
Jonathan Santiago	Photography
Roy Secord	Painting
Jennifer Tomaiolo	Painting
Misra Walker	Photography

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