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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Hutchinson Metro Center present
Two Free Lunchtime Holiday Concerts at the Hutch Metro Café on Thursday, December 11 & 18**

(November 20, 2014 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Hutchinson Metro Center present two free, Thursday lunchtime holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café located at Hutchinson Metro Center, 1200 Waters Place (between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue).

On **December 11th**, enjoy a performance of holiday favorites by soprano **Melissa Primavera** and on **December 18th**, tap your feet to holiday music and oldies by the **Just Nuts Party Band**. Each concert includes two performances — at 12:15 and 1:15pm. Admission is free and all are welcome!

Noted for her "glowing" and "sumptuous" voice, soprano **Melissa Primavera** has become a favorite with audiences in the greater New York City area. With a vast operatic repertoire under her belt, Melissa made her European and Italian concert debut in 2009 as a member of the *Incontro Accademico Internazionale di Musica e Teatro Bolzano*. In 2011, she performed at the *Elysium Between Two Continents' International Summer Academy* in Bernried, Germany. As a member of *St. Petersburg Opera's 2013 Emerging Artist Program*, Melissa covered the role of "Echo" in *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Locally, Melissa is a two-time recipient of BCA's BRIO Award in 2009 and 2013. Learn more Melissa and her music at www.melissaprimavera.com.



Just Nuts Party Band has performed nationally for groups ranging from 100 to 10,000. When all is said and done, it all comes down to the music that we love to dance to! The band understands this and brings every song they perform to life. A blast from the past and the best boogeyin' of today. Swing, Jazz, Soul, Motown, Rock and Pop — harmonizing into a powerful and energetic non-stop performance, perfectly tuned and thoroughly enjoyed by audiences of all ages. Their new song "Bronx Girl Dance Remix" on Xela records can be seen on You Tube and purchased on many portals, including Itunes, Beatport, Juno & Amazon. Learn more about Just Nuts and their music at www.justnutsmusic.net.



During the lunchtime series, you can shop for some unique holiday gift items at the **bronxArtworks Holiday Trunk Show and Craft Sale**. BCA's Artisans Collective will be on hand displaying and selling their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, paper mache masks, post cards, sculpture, vases, and more.

Directions by Subway: #6 to Westchester Square stop, then take courtesy shuttle bus to Hutchinson Metro Center. **Directions by Bus:** Bx21 to Waters Place & Hutchinson Parkway or Bx8 or Bx14 to Westchester Ave & Middletown Road or Bx40 or Bx42 to East Tremont Ave & Hutchinson River Parkway.

For additional information about these concerts or other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org or call 718-931-9500 x33.

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