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**Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos presents 5<sup>th</sup> Bronx Latin American Art Biennial Sep 19 to Dec 7  
Exhibit is one of 8 in the Bronx and Lower Manhattan  
Opening Reception & First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley, October 7, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

(Bronx, NY) – Under the auspices of the Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture (HCAC), in partnership with the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos will be one of the venues for the *5th Latin American Art Biennial*, a borough-wide exhibition of more than 100 Latin American artists living in the New York metropolitan area as well as abroad. Opening on September 19 and running until December 7, with an opening reception / Bronx Culture Trolley taking place on Wednesday, October 5, 5 PM to 9 PM, the Longwood exhibit will feature twelve acclaimed Latin American artists in a variety of media. The artists include: Liliana Avalos (Perú), Williams Carmona (Cuba), Scherezade García (Dominican Republic), Sandra Mack- Valencia (Colombia), Patrick McGrath Muñiz (Puerto Rico), Elsa María Meléndez (Puerto Rico), José Morales (Puerto Rico), Clara Morera (Cuba), Freddy Rodríguez (Dominican Republic), Nancy Saleme (Venezuela), Juan Sánchez (Puerto Rico), and Ezequiel Taveras (Dominican Republic). The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is located at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse (at 149<sup>th</sup> Street) in The Bronx. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12 PM to 5 PM. For more information, please call (718) 518-6728 or visit [hostoscenter.org](http://hostoscenter.org) or [bronxarts.org](http://bronxarts.org)

Utilizing the theme of “I am one of those people that...,” the Biennial exhibits offer an evolution of styles and techniques practiced by contemporary Latin American artists and engage personal aspects of the artists’ philosophy and creation process as well as social issues including migration, women’s rights, political conflicts, and discrimination. Curated by Alexis Mendoza and Luis Stephenberg, the exhibition reveals the complex and diverse approaches of Latin American artists living inside and outside the United States. According to Stephenberg, “it is through our work as Latin American artists, regardless of where we are living, that we are able to find traits of our own existence.” In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, participating galleries for the Bronx Latin American Art Biennial include: BronxArtSpace, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, The Clemente (Manhattan), The Andrew Freedman Home, the Gilbert Pavilion Gallery at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, the Loaisida Center (Manhattan), and the Poe Park Visitor Center Gallery. *(Editor: Please note a complete listing of artists and venues for the Fifth Bronx Latin American Art follows this release.)*

“Alexis Mendoza and Luis Stephenberg have done an outstanding job over the last decade in bringing important works by important Latin American artists to the forefront, and we are delighted to participate, along with our colleagues, for the fifth anniversary,” said John MacElwee, Director of the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture.

Bronx Council on the Arts' Executive Director, Deirdre Scott adds: "BCA and the Longwood Art Project are excited to be part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Bronx Latin American Art Biennial along with all of the wonderful city-wide venues. It's amazing how the biennial has grown. This is a major achievement that the curators, organizers and artists have brought together such a wide range of outstanding art works and perspectives."

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**What:** 5th Bronx Latin American Art Biennial

**When:** Exhibit runs from Monday, September 22 to Wednesday, December 7

**Public Events**

Opening Reception & Bronx Culture Trolley, Wednesday, October 5-- 5pm to 9pm

Reception & Bronx Culture Trolley: Wednesday, November 2 -- 5pm to 9pm

Panel Discussion with Artists – Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 pm

Closing Reception & Bronx Culture Trolley: Wednesday, December 7 -- 5pm to 9pm

**Where:** The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos

Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture, C - 190

450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451

**Gallery Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 12noon to 5:00pm

**How much? :** Free

**Phone Number:** 718-518-6728

**Website:** [www.hostoscenter.org](http://www.hostoscenter.org)

**Subway/Bus:** IRT Trains 2, 4, 5 and Buses BX1, BX2, BX19 to 149<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Concourse.