

NINTH BIENNIAL  
**BOMPLENAZO**  
CELEBRATION OF AFRO-PUERTO RICAN MUSIC & DANCE

**Entre Generaciones**



**Entre Generaciones** is the theme of the Ninth Biennial BomPlenazo, recognizing and celebrating the intergenerational quality of the art form, from the elders who brought these traditions from Puerto Rico to New York and throughout the diaspora, to the young practitioners who, taught and inspired by the elders, are dedicated to keeping these African-rooted traditions alive and vibrant.

Experience the artistry of premier bomberos and pleneros from New York, Puerto Rico and across the United States in a variety of venues with performances, workshops, panels, a film presentation and more. Join us, including our concert host for the weekend Flaco Navaja, for this celebration of Puerto Rican heritage.

**BomPlenazo 2016** is dedicated to the memory of José 'Chema' Soto (1945-2015), a plenero and the patriarch and founder of the Rincón Criollo Cultural Center in the South Bronx, better known as "La Casita de Chema," one of the shrines of the bomba and plena resurgence in New York and the inspiration for our biennial festival.



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## THURSDAY



### Panel Discussion

Thurs, Oct 6, 6:30pm  
Pregones Theater  
571 Walton Avenue, Bronx  
Free Admission, reservations recommended (718) 585-1202

### Charla: A Conversation with the Elders

César Colón–Montijo, a young doctoral student in ethnomusicology at Columbia University, and author of the upcoming book, *Viaje a La Casita: Notas de Plena en el Rincon Criollo* (for the Institute for Puerto Rican Culture), leads a conversation with elders of the tradition about the stories and experiences on the migration of the art form from Puerto Rico to New York, and its resurgence.

## FRIDAY

### School & Family Concerts

Fri, Oct 7, 10am & 12pm  
Bronx Music Heritage Center Lab  
1303 Louis Niñe Blvd., Bronx  
Suggested Donation: \$5  
Reservations and Information: [pleneros21@lp21.org](mailto:pleneros21@lp21.org)



### Bomba & Plena: In The House/En La Casa – BomPlenazo Edition

Los Pleneros de la 21, New York's bomba and plena ambassadors to the world, present an intergenerational and family-friendly performance and presentation on Puerto Rico's oldest living musical expressions, featuring artists from BomPlenazo 2016.



### Dance Workshop

Hostos Center  
Fri, Oct. 7, 5:30 to 7pm  
Free Admission  
Reservations and Information: (718) 518-4455

Oxil Febles teaches bomba dance for adults with drumming accompaniment by Jorge Vázquez and Nelson Seda.

**Tickets On Sale: [www.hostoscenter.org](http://www.hostoscenter.org)**

Box Office: (718) 518-4455 | Window Hours: Mon. - Fri. 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
and two hours prior to events

**Save 20% on concert tickets by purchasing a BP pass for \$32**

### Opening Concert

Fri, Oct 7, 7:30pm  
Hostos Center Main Theater  
Reserved Seating: \$15  
(Students and Under 18 - \$5)



### Fundamento Cultural – La Union Balancé – Boricua Soy

Three exciting new ensembles put together specifically for BomPlenazo 2016 -- Fundamento Cultural, led by the drummer /dancer wunderkind Nelson Matthew González; La Union Balancé, led by the acclaimed vocalist Alex LaSalle; and Boricua Soy featuring rising star Leró Martínez Roldán -- showcase the energy of the younger generation of bomba and plena practitioners featuring artists from New York, Puerto Rico and Chicago.

## SATURDAY



### Family Workshop

Sat, Oct, 8, 10 to 11:30am  
Free Admission  
Reservations and Information: (718) 518-4455

Bomba and plena class for young people and families with Shefali Shah and Héctor Lugo of Aguacero.

### BomPlenazo Showcase

Sat, Oct 8, 12pm  
Hostos Center Main Theater  
General Admission: \$10 (Students and Under 18 - \$5)

### 'Tito' Matos & Los Maestros de la Plena – Bãmbula – Aguacero

An afternoon showcase, featuring the deeply African-rooted music of Mayagüez from Bãmbula, led by Norka Hernández Nadal; fresh original compositions from Aguacero from Northern California; and a special performance by Héctor 'Tito' Matos and Los Maestros de la Plena.



## Film

Sat, Oct. 8, 4pm  
World Premiere of the Documentary:  
*A Tribute to José 'Chema' Soto*  
Hostos Center Repertory Theater  
Free Admission  
Reservations and Information: (718) 518-4455



Premiere of the film of this extraordinary individual followed by a conversation with the photographer / filmmaker Felipe García and Michael Max Knobbe of BronxNet, executive producer.



### Dinner

Sat, Oct 8, 5:30 to 6:30pm  
Hostos Café (Third Floor)  
\$15 (includes beverage)  
Tickets must be pre-purchased by Wed, Oct. 5

Enjoy Puerto Rican cuisine at the Hostos Café with music from Los Artesanos de la Plena.

### BomPlenazo Artists Collective

Sat, Oct. 8, 7:30pm  
Hostos Center Main Theater  
Reserved Seating: \$15  
(Students and Under 18 -\$5)



After its acclaimed review in *The New York Times*, and by overwhelming demand, the BomPlenazo Artists Collective returns, led by NEA National Heritage Fellow Juan "Juango" Gutiérrez, and featuring original and standard works of the bomba and plena traditions. Performing artists include: Alex 'Apolo' Ayala, Zaccai Curtis, Camilo Molina Gaetán, Nelson Matthew González, Julia Gutiérrez-Rivera, Nicholas Laboy, Leró Martínez Roldán, Juan Emilio Martínez Román, Héctor 'Tito' Matos, Norka Hernández-Nadal, Iván Renta, José Rivera, Cheo Quiñones, and Kily Vialíz with additional artists to be added. Not to be missed!

## SUNDAY



### Vente Tú

Sun, Oct 9, Noon to 5:30pm  
Rincón Criollo Cultural Center  
Brook Avenue/157th Street, Bronx  
Free Admission (Donations Appreciated)

An afternoon of jam sessions and performances led by José 'Joseito' Rivera with BomPlenazo artists and special guests, including Los Instantáneos de la Plena, at one of the shrines of the New York bomba and plena resurgence.