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EVENTS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND THE BRONX

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To celebrate Women’s History Month, WHEDco’s Bronx Music Heritage Center (BMHC) is celebrating women’s contributions to music and dance through a series of events in which women take center stage.

On Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m., the BMHC will host Spirit of Aña: Trap Drums, featuring women who play the drum set, the only instrument invented in the United States. The event—which is free and open to the public—will present talented female drummers, including Sylvia Cuenca, Sherrie Maricle, Lucianna Padmore, Elena Conn and Elena Bonomo.

Then, on Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m., the BMHC will host another edition of Bronx Rising, a monthly series that provides a platform for Bronx arts and artists.

This edition, titled Bronx Rising! La Petenera: Woman of Mystery, focuses on the folkloric mysterious power of women, as inspired by the legend of “la petenera,” which speaks of a beautiful woman singer, a femmefatale, or a mermaid. The petenera is a music form present in different genres, from Spain to Mexico.

This event will showcase Spanish flamenco, Mexican son huasteco, son guerrerense and son jarocho forms of the song, with performances by Alfonso Cid, Daniela Morena, Martha Zaraté-Alvarez & Mazarte Dance Company, Jarana Beat and others. There will be snacks for sale by Yalitza Bakes! General admission is $7, $5 for students and seniors, and free for kids 12 and under, as well as residents of the Intervale Green affordable housing development.

Finally, the BMHC will be hosting a special Living Legends Concert at the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, Repertory Theater, honoring Luz Soliz, a champion of Garifuna culture through music, dance and language, best known for her well-established dance troupes.

The event, which will take place on Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m., also falls within Garifuna Heritage Month, and will be hosted by Kathy Hill, with performances by Wabafu Garifuna Dance Theater, the Garifuna Jazz Ensemble, and more.

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office or at www.hostoscenter.org.

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