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UPCOMING GUESTS ON "OPEN" FRIDAY HOSTED BY RHINA VALENTIN

Airs Friday, 5/16 Live! 10AM on BronxNet TV

New York, New York, May 14, 2014 – This Friday, on “OPEN”, Rhina Valentin will host Tony Matos (Executive Producer and Director) and Ralf Remshardt (Executive Producer & Director of Photography) to discuss the documentary, Theatre of Rice and Beans. In addition, Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) representatives, Margia Sriti and Afrina Jimi will join Rhina in studio to share information on BAFA’s Annual Cultural Show. Performing in the OPEN Artist Spotlight will be Singer Mike Maldonado. Bobby C. will also be doing his weekly Sports Roundup segment.

The one-hour talk show airs live every Friday at 10AM in the Bronx on channels Cablevision 67 and Verizon FiOS 33 with re-cablecast on Fridays at 5PM & 10PM, Saturdays at 12PM, and Sundays at 4PM & 10PM. Also available in Manhattan via re-cablecast on Saturdays 12PM on channels Time Warner Cable 56, RCN 83, Verizon Fios 34, and MNN 2 Lifestyle Entertainment and in Massachusetts via re-cablecast on Fridays and Saturdays at 9PM on channel Amherst Media 12.

About “OPEN” Friday

“OPEN” Friday, hosted by Rhina Valentin, is one of BronxNet’s signature produced shows which covers arts, culture, entertainment, health awareness, women empowerment and youth development. Rhina has been the Friday host since it's pilot episode in 2006. Every week she explores all that the arts have to offer to the Bronx and the World.



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About La Reina Del Barrio Inc.

Incorporated in 2013, La Reina Del Barrio Inc. (LRDB) is an independent media production company.

The principals of LRDB have released several projects over the last 10 years through self-finance as well as the use of Fortune 500 corporate sponsors. For more information, please visit

www.lareinadelbarrio.org

About BronxNet

BronxNet is an award winning not-for-profit community media center providing access to training and technology while televising programming reflecting the diversity of the Bronx. BronxNet has a commitment to: produce local programming, train the public in television production, provide hands-on internships with solid media career preparation for high school and college students. For more information, please visit www.bronxnet.org

About Theatre of Rice and Beans

Theatre of Rice and Beans is the first documentary about a vital part of American theatre history. Against the odds, René Buch, Miriam Colón, and Max Ferra founded New York City's three most influential Latino playhouses: Repertorio Español, the Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre, and INTAR. For half a century these pioneers have given theatrical voice to the Latino community and crucial room to grow to generations of Latino theatre professionals. Featuring commentary by playwrights Maria Irene Fornes and Nilo Cruz, Broadway directors Hal Prince and Graciela Daniele, and Broadway actors Chita Rivera, Lin-Manuel Miranda, among others, the documentary tells an untold story of the American theatre and speaks to coming generations of theatre artists, addressing financial struggles, artistic



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breakthroughs, stereotyping, and the future of Latino theatre. For more information, please visit

www.theatreofriceandbeans.com.

About Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts

Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) is a South Asian Cultural institution which facilitates enrichment in the performing arts. BAFA specializes in the dance forms of Kathak, Folk, and Bangladeshi modern contemporary. BAFA embraces heritage and highlights culture with the colorful emotions of folk music. BAFA's mission is to educate and spread the knowledge of the rich artistic background. BAFA also provides classes in vocals. Students of all ages engage in obtaining a strong foundation in traditional and classical music. Overall, BAFA is dedicated to providing the most enriching cultural experience worth having. For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/ Bangladesh-Academy-of-Fine-Arts](https://www.facebook.com/Bangladesh-Academy-of-Fine-Arts).

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