



# TENTH BIENNIAL BOMPLENAZO

CELEBRATION OF AFRO-PUERTO RICAN MUSIC & DANCE

AQUÍ Y ALLÁ: UN PUEBLO CON SENTIDO COMÚN

(Here & There: One Nation on Common Ground)

From October 4 through October 7, the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture will present the **10th Biennial BomPlenazo** - a celebration of Afro-Puerto Rican music and dance. The theme of our tenth biennial celebration is "Aquí y Allá: Un Pueblo Con Sentido Común" (*Here & There: One Nation on Common Ground*). In support of Puerto Rico, BomPlenazo will feature nearly 40 artists from all around the Island including Ponce, Loíza, Mayagüez, Santurce, and San Juan, among other communities. We are bringing as many artists from the island as possible - offering performance and engagement opportunities, a chance to connect with artists and practitioners like you - our audiences. Over the years, BomPlenazo has become the largest event of its kind anywhere. During this time of solidarity with Puerto Rico, experience the artistry of premier bomberos and pleneros with performances, workshops, panels, a film presentation, and a dinner - all culminating in the popular Vente-Tú (You Come) at La Casita de Chema. Join us in continuing the important work of preserving, promoting and celebrating Puerto Rican culture and heritage.

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Cover: BomPlenazo artist Héctor "Tito" Matos leads pleneros in Santurce following Hurricane María.  
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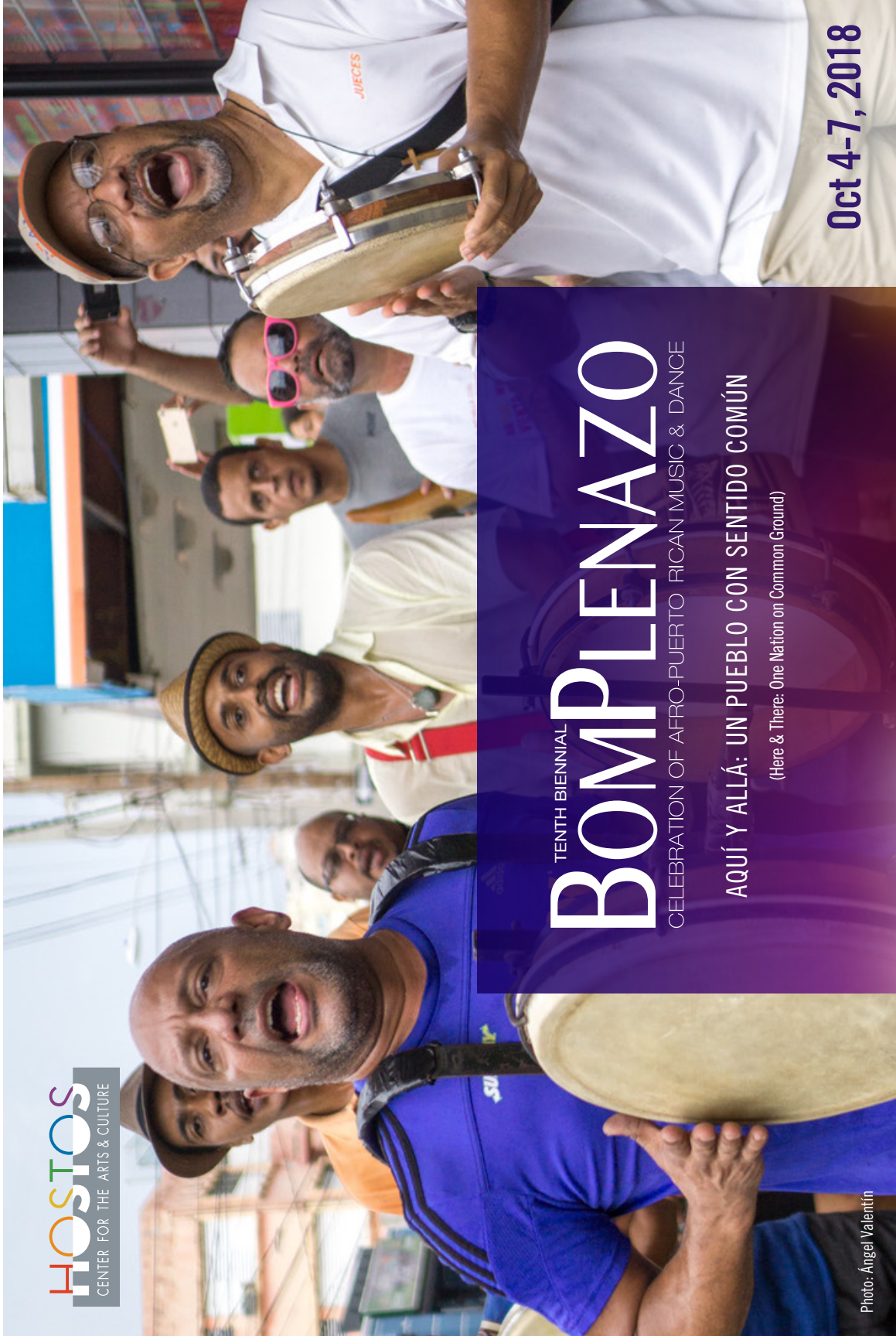
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## THURSDAY



### Panel Discussion

Thu, Oct 4, 7:00 pm

Pregones Theater, 571 Walton Avenue, Bronx

Free Admission: Reservations Recommended (718) 585-1202

### Harnessing the Power of Bomba & Plena: a conversatorio about artists, practitioners and sustainability

A rigorous conversation exploring how artists have utilized bomba & plena not only to preserve and promote the continued presence of this music and dance genre, but also as vehicles towards the social, economic and psychological restoration and empowerment of Puerto Ricans as individuals and as communities. Invited panelists include Héctor "Tito" Matos, Mariana Reyes, Marién Torres, Bárbara Pérez & Luis X. Ramos/ Taller Kenuati. Moderated by Manuela Arciniegas. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

## FRIDAY



### Bomba Percussion Workshop

Fri, Oct 5, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Hostos Center

Free Admission: Registration Required (718) 518-4455

The Bomba percussion workshop is led by two of Puerto Rico's most gifted young bomberos - Leró Martínez Roldán and Christian Galarza. The workshop is open to all levels. Participants must bring their own drums. Registration required.

### Opening Concert

Main Theater

Fri, Oct 5, 7:30 pm

Reserved Seating: \$20

(Students and Under 18 - \$5)



An offshoot of the acclaimed Viento de Agua, **La Máquina Insular** plays a repertoire of classic and new plenas, and the exciting all female bomba group **Ausuba**, whose members hail from Loíza, Mayagüez, and Santurce, makes its BomPlenazo debut.



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

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

Save on concert tickets by purchasing a BP pass for \$35

## SATURDAY

### Bomba Dance Workshop

Sat, Oct 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hostos Center

Free Admission: Registration Required (718) 518-4455



The bomba dance workshop - female, male and partner - is open to all skill levels. The workshop is led by Jamie Pérez, who teaches dance at the Mayaquéz School of Bomba, and dancer / drummer Amauri Santiago Albizu (Beto Satg) of Bomba Iyá. Guest drummers for the workshop include: Amarillis Ríos (Ausuba), Ramón Muñiz Acevedo (La Raíz) and José Archeval (Bomba Iyá). Registration required.

### BomPlenazo Showcase



La Raíz

Conrado Pastrano

Sat, Oct 6, 12:00 pm

Main Theater

Reserved Seating: \$15

(Students and Under 18 - \$5)

An enchanting afternoon featuring the unique vocal harmonies of **Plena de la R**, the powerful Ponce-based bomba fusion group **Bomba**

**Iyá**, and **La Raíz**, who proudly carries on the Mayagüez bomba tradition that is dedicated to the diffusion of traditional culture.

### Crafts Workshop - Maracas y Más

ft. Bárbara Pérez & Luis X. Ramos/ Taller Kenuati

Sat, Oct 6, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Hostos Center

Free Admission: Registration Required (718) 518-4455

The workshop will consist on the explanation and demonstration of the process for manufacturing a maraca: from the harvesting and preparation of the higüera and the seeds, to the crafting. We will facilitate between 10 to 12 maracas. Participants will be provided with a previously assembled maraca to paint on their own.



### Film Screening

Plenazos Callejeros

Sat, Oct 6, 4:00 pm

Repertory Theater

Free Admission:

Tickets Required (718) 518-4455

Plenazos Callejeros (directed by Mariana Reyes Anglero, produced by Tito Matos and Mariana) documents a seven-year project designed to breathe new life into the decades old tradition of informal, often spontaneous, street corner plena. Led by master plenero and cultural activist Tito Matos, a group of pleneros traveled to towns throughout the island, calling out local musicians and singers, creating an all day plena jam (plenazo).

### BomPlenazo Dinner

Sat, Oct 6, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Hostos Café (Third Floor)

Tickets: \$20 (includes beverage) Non-Refundable

Tickets must be ordered no later than Mon., Oct. 1

Prepared by Salsa Caterers (served Buffet Style)



Enjoy delicious Puerto Rican cuisine at the Hostos Café prepared by Salsa Caterers. Menu options include empanadillas de carne, chicken in criollo sauce, pernil asado, arroz con gandules and much more, including beverages and Puerto Rican style desserts. Music to be provided.



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### Puerto Rican Artists Collectives

Sat, Oct 6, 7:30 pm

Main Theater

Reserved Seating: \$20

(Students and Under 18 - \$5)

Utilizing the creative energy of BomPlenazo, two collectives come together for the first time under the direction of plenero Héctor "Tito" Matos and bombero Leró Martínez Roldán featuring inter-generational representatives from all over the island, and top Bomba and Plena voices from across the island.

## SUNDAY

### Vente Tú

Sun, Oct 7, 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Rincón Criollo Cultural Center ("La Casita de Chema")

Brook Avenue / 157th Street, Bronx

Free Admission (Donations Appreciated)

An afternoon of jam sessions led by José 'Joseíto' Rivera and Alex LaSalle with Bomberos and Pleneros from Diaspora, at one of the shrines of the New York Bomba and Plena resurgence.

