

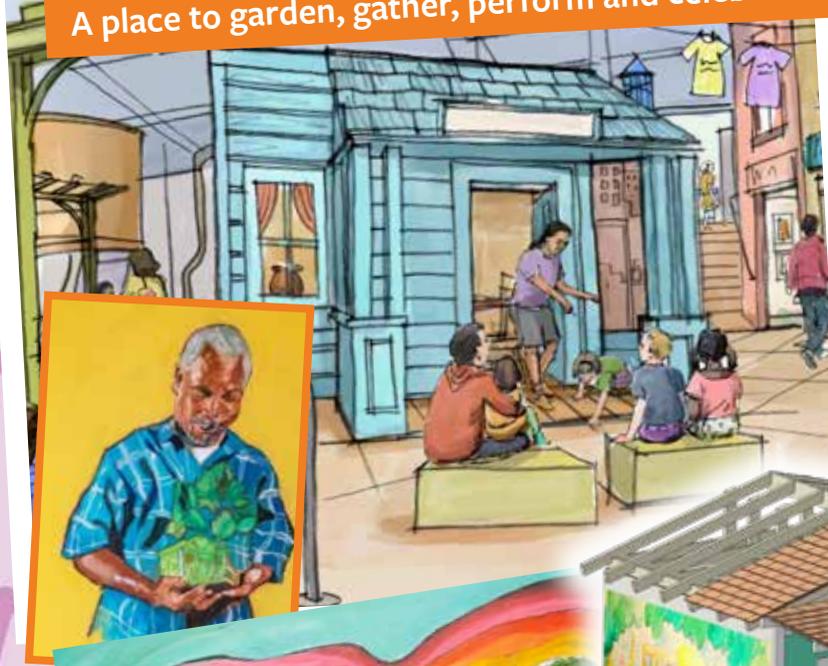
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ARTSPOT

Upcoming exhibits at Bronx Children's Museum

The Casita

A place to garden, gather, perform and celebrate the culture of the Bronx

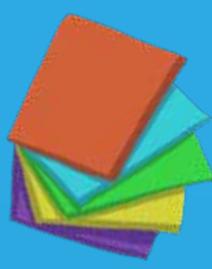


Let's make a Casita!

with items included in your bag.



Box



Construction Paper



Tape



Feathers



Pipe Cleaners



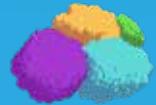
Glue



Origami Paper



Oil Pastels



Pom Poms



Scissors



Stickers

Beads



What is a Casita?

Just like in Puerto Rico, casitas are small buildings surrounded by gardens and open spaces. They were built so the community can come together and learn about their history, have a garden to grow food and vegetables, and keep traditions alive, like *la parranda*, and *bomba* and *plena* music. They are usually simple, made of wood, and painted bright colors.



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Nathan Kensinger

Start Here!

- 1 Unfold and make your box stand.



2

Use your glue stick to cover your box in construction paper. Remember, casitas are bright and beautiful colors. You can glue them down however you like! Think about using shapes and patterns. Maybe you want to add doors or a window?



3

Now that you have a base of color, you can use all the fun materials to decorate your casita. You have pom poms, stickers, feathers, oil pastels, pipe cleaners, beads, origami paper, and more! How do you want to decorate your casita?



Great job!

- 4 After you are done and happy with your casita, take a picture of it and share it with the museum!



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Inside the Museum

Local Bronx Artist **Charles George Esperanza** is creating a magical Casita right inside the Bronx Children's Museum which is opening this coming year. Read more about Charles on the back page.



Artist Spotlight

Charles George Esperanza

Born the second of six kids.

The South Bronx is where he first opened his eyelids.

A land shrouded in bright colored decay, the birthplace of graffiti and the hip-hop DJ!

He paints fantasy worlds of elephants, and castles too!

Accompanying this wonder is some whimsical truth.

Charles has a voice that is seldom heard.

A fusion of jazz, distorted guitars, and chirping birds.

Charles George Esperanza is the author and illustrator of “Red, Yellow, Blue (and a Dash of White, too!)” (Available now from Skypony Press) and “Boogie Boogie, Y’all” (Harper Collins) coming August 2021.



Watch our video about Charles here:

<https://www.bronxchildrensmuseum.org/nbx-arts>

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