

Solace on the Line at the Bronx Museum: April 19, 7 - 9 pm. Exhibit runs through September 8.

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## Solace on the Line



The Bronx Museum celebrates the opening of *Solace on the Line*, a multi-media exhibit, with photos and video by Todd Heisler, and text by Susan Hartman, based on their *New York Times* photo essay.

Open House: April 19, 7-9 p.m.  
Wine and refreshments.  
Free event. Exhibit runs April 19-September 8th, 2013.

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Bronx, New York—

A year ago, Todd Heisler—a *New York Times* staff photographer, who's twice won the Pulitzer Prize for photography—and Susan Hartman—a journalist, whose cover stories and profiles have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*—collaborated on a photo essay about an extraordinary prayer call, which unites members of the Ebenezer Assembly of God Church in the Bronx.

This prayer call, held at least twice a day, is a consolation for church members, many of whom are live-in aides who work for weeks at a time without going home to their Bronx neighborhood. On their cell phones, singing prayers in *Twi*, they connect with their pastor, Benjamin Boakye, and with each other.

*Solace on the Line* extends the story: It features Heisler's stunning photos of congregants on the line—from a Manhattan park bench, from a patient's spacious home—as well as recent photos of a joyous service at Assembly of God that culminated in the christening of a baby girl. His video, *A Higher Calling*, follows the 6' 4" Pastor Boakye as he heads into his storefront church.

Hartman's text details the lives of these congregants, and what the call means to them. She got the idea for the story while watching her mother's live-in home health aide on a prayer call with Pastor Boakye, singing as she threaded beads into a necklace.



### Event Details:

April 19. 7-9pm.  
Bronx Museum  
1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street.

D and B train to 167 St./Grand Concourse. 4 train to Yankee Stadium

[Bronxmuseum.org](http://Bronxmuseum.org) for info

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