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Opening Art Exhibition
Maria Dominguez
Centro Gallery
At Center of Puerto Rican Studies Gallery
Hunter College
695 Park Ave
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In September 2002 the **New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority Arts in Transit Program** permanently installed “*El-Views*” 16 panels of brilliant stain glass windows at **Chauncey Street Station** on the J & Z lines in Brooklyn. Visual Artist **Maria Dominguez** created the original paintings and was translated into glass by **The Willet Stain Glass Studios** in Philadelphia, PA. The work depicts the rich culture of the neighborhood. The motifs are those precious daily tasks so often overlooked by the heavy demands of a busy city life. At close observation, viewers can identify with some of the scenes captured by the artist below on the Broadway Street. Scenes made beautifully and juxtaposed from above on the elevated platform. These will permanently grace the uptown and downtown platforms of the station.

The original paintings will be on view at **Centro Gallery at Center of Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College** at 695 Park Avenue corner of Lexington and 68th St., East Building, 3rd Floor starting March 21st through April 22nd for the public to see. The opening reception is scheduled for **April 1st from 6:00PM to 8:PM.**

Maria Dominguez was born in Puerto Rico and has had numerous exhibitions, received many awards/honors and most significantly, during her long career in the visual arts, she has created many community murals. Dominguez has been an artist-educator in institutions such as Studio in the School, Solomon Guggenheim Museums’ “Learning Thru the Arts” and headed the Education Department at El Museo del Barrio. The artist has been the recipient of grants from the *National Endowment for the Arts*, *The New York Foundation for the Arts* and garnered nominations to the prestigious *Joan Mitchell Foundation Award*. *The Metropolitan Transportation Authority/ Arts in Transit Program* is her most recent commission.

Visit her website at www.mariadominguez.com