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BRONWYN RUCKER

Brooklyn Woman:
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Occupation: Artistic Director,
Meltdown Inc.
(Theatre and Social Work Arts)
Therapist, New Hope Guild

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enue, Brooklyn, NY
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Birthday: March 18, 1951



Memberships/club organization participation: Actors Equity Associ-
ation, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Ac-
tors Guild, National Association of Social Workers, and The Players
Club.

Volunteer activities: Meltdown Inc.

Honors/awards received: 1996/97 Chase Manhattan Racial Harmony
and Diversity Award (for Meltdown Inc.'s Community Violence Preven-
tion and Education Programs)

1995 Stop the Violence Award, Office of the Mayor

Commendation for Anti-Violence work, Comptroller Alan Hevesi

1993 Woman of Influence, YWCA of Brooklyn

Stop the Violence Award for publication of TEENSCENES, a peer edu-
cator theatre project on teen relationship abuse and racism.

Resident of Brooklyn: 22 years

Current neighborhood: Park Slope

Alma mater: Hunter College School of Social Work (MSW), Point Park
College, and BA in Theatre Arts

Very first job: At a bakery in Pittsburgh during high school. In Brooklyn
it was at the Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Marital status: Married

Children: None

Hobbies/recreational activities: Watching old episodes of I Spy.

Accomplishment most proud of: Forming Meltdown inc. in 1983 with
partner Rick Russo as experimental music-theatre company dedicated
to the creative process and the celebration of differences through art.
The work is now called 'social service arts' and involves many children,
teens and families throughout Brooklyn in public art projects, schools
and community festivals.

Personal info: I have gold roller skates!

Motto: "Never Stop Moving" (adopted from my jazz teacher Luigi who,
at 68, is still teaching dance.

A Brooklyn Woman I most respect and why: Sheila Bankston - for
her courage and perseverance.

Favorite aspect of Brooklyn: Its neighborhoods

Least favorite aspect of Brooklyn: None or maybe that it's hard to get
cabs from Manhattan to come to Brooklyn.

Favorite Brooklyn restaurant: Junior's

Favorite Brooklyn slice of pizza: Antonio's at 318 Flatbush Avenue

Favorite Brooklyn bagel: Bagel Delight on 7th Avenue in Park Slope

Favorite outdoor place in Brooklyn: Wedding Park at Grand Army
Plaza on weekends.

Favorite theatre/film production: Meltdown's Voices of the Armory, a
play about the lives of shelter residents and other women in Park Slope.

Favorite author/book: Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man

Favorite views from or in Brooklyn: Standing in the center of Flatbush
Avenue, below Grand Army Plaza, looking toward Dime Saving's Bank
during the Flatbush Avenue bonanza, when the street is closed to traffic.