For 55 years, the Harlem School of the Arts has been transforming students’ lives through arts training in music, dance, theatre and art & design. Whether a child dreams of becoming a professional artist or just wants to explore an artistic discipline, the arts build confidence and communication skills and shapes the leaders of tomorrow.
Harlem School of the Arts at The Herb Alpert Center announces The Renaissance Project, a $9.5 million renovation that will give the cultural center a major face-lift. Thanks to the generosity of The Herb Alpert Foundation, a transformational renovation of the 37,000 square-foot structure is set to begin. The project is being led by Imrey Studio, a New-York based design studio.

The Renaissance Project will break ground in late Summer 2019 with a projected completion of Fall 2020. The project represents an exciting new chapter in HSA’s 55-year evolution.

WILL HSA BE CLOSED DURING RENOVATION?
HSA will remain open during construction. Classes will proceed as scheduled. The Student Services Department will be available daily to answer questions related to classes and registration. For your convenience, view our full course catalog and register online at www.hsanyc.org/register. Please direct class and registration inquiries to info@hsany.org.

WILL RENOVATION OCCUR DURING CLASS HOURS?
All construction will occur during weekday, non-peak hours of operation. There will be no construction on Saturdays or Sundays.

WHY IS HSA BEING RENOVATED?
The Renaissance Project addresses fundamental deferred maintenance to the arts center, including roof replacement, repair of the brick façade, and upgrade to acoustic and electrical systems. The renovation allows HSA to improve energy-efficiency, improve monitored safety, and enhance overall performance quality.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE
Our renovated structure will have a sleek, sophisticated, aesthetically pleasing exterior that will allow more natural light to penetrate the building. The open front will allow increased visibility inside and out, and will offer all who pass by a glimpse of the oasis of creativity on the inside.

The update is happening at an exciting time when the neighborhood is being revitalized with residential development, new schools, and a thriving creative community. We are committed to providing access to cultural programming for all and continuing HSA Founder Dorothy Maynor’s vision to nurture tomorrow’s creative thinkers, innovators, and leaders. We look forward to welcoming you to our new space in the Fall 2020.

Questions? Let us know. Send an email to RenaissanceProject@hsany.org

“We’ve made [children] believe everything beautiful is outside the community. We would like them to make beauty in our community.” - Dorothy Maynor, HSA Founder (1910-1996)