

who we are

Since its founding by internationally-acclaimed soprano Dorothy Maynor in 1964, **Harlem School of the Arts at The Herb Alpert Center** has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of young people ages 2-18 through world-class training in music, dance, theatre and art & design.

Harlem School of the Arts (HSA) offers its students the freedom to find and develop the artist, student, and citizen within themselves in an environment that teaches discipline, stimulates creativity, builds self-confidence and adds a dimension of beauty to their lives, empowering them to become the creative thinkers and innovative leaders of tomorrow.

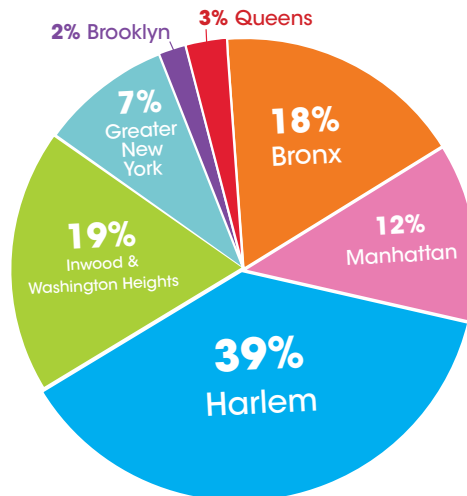
Thanks to the Herb Alpert Foundation's transformative support, HSA will begin a new chapter with a \$9.5M major renovation project focused on visual, sound and safety enhancements that will impact over 4,000 young people and welcome the community to engage with HSA.



who we serve



50% Elementary School
23% Middle School
24% High School
3% Pre-School



56% African-American
23% Latino
9% Caucasian
9% Two or More Races
3% Asian

1,311

ACTIVE ON-SITE STUDENTS IN FY19

550

STUDENTS REACHED OFF-SITE IN NYC SCHOOLS THROUGH HSA'S ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM IN FY19

75

HSA PREP & PRE-PREP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN FY19

40%

RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID OR TUITION ASSISTANCE

what we offer

music

HSA's Music Department curriculum includes all the instruments of the orchestra, piano, organ, guitar, African and Latin percussion and voice. Its philosophy is to prepare the individual to be a proficient performer and reader of Western music as well as of the various musical styles of the African Diaspora.

theatre

HSA's Theatre Department utilizes a traditional arts conservatory approach to prepare its students for the demands of professional application, along with providing a general understanding and appreciation for the theater. Students enroll in classes on monologue development, audition techniques, scene development, movement, voice, and speech.

community performances

HSA ensembles are in demand throughout the New York metropolitan area. Students have performed by invitation or through partnerships with Disney Theatrical, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Bryant Park Contemporary Dance Series, City Parks Foundation SummerStage, NASDAQ, and Toyota.

HSA prep program

HSA's Prep program is a highly selective pre-professional merit-based program that offers students rigorous training, master classes, college and specialized high school application support, mentoring, and performance opportunities. HSA Prep students have gone on to college level study in arts programs at colleges such as NYU, Berklee College of Music, Juilliard, Howard University, The New School, Cornell University, Yale University, Morehouse College, Boston University, and Temple University. Students admitted into the HSA Prep program receive full tuition and program benefits funded through the generosity of our donors and supporters.

dance

HSA's Dance Department offers courses that develop students' physicality, creativity, technical ability and performance skills. Classes are offered in African Dance, Jazz, Modern, Hip-Hop and Tap, as well as a ballet program following the American Ballet Theatre's National Curriculum of the classical ballet technique.

art & design

HSA's Art & Design Department develops young people's mastery of drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic design, fashion illustration, animation, digital art, filmmaking, functional art, and printmaking. The curriculum is designed to offer holistic instruction in various art mediums, fostering creative expression, developing technical skill and encouraging broad arts and cultural appreciation.



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our alumni



GIANCARLO ESPOSITO

Television and film actor
Do The Right Thing, Malcolm X, Once Upon A Time, Breaking Bad, The Scorch Trials, The Get Down



ILFANESH HADERA

Television and film actress
Chi-Raq, Billions, Baywatch, She's Got to Have It, Godfather of Harlem



CALEB MCLAUGHLIN

Television and Broadway actor
Stranger Things, Disney's The Lion King on Broadway, The New Edition Story



SHAHADI WRIGHT JOSEPH

Television and Film actress
Us, Hairspray Live!, Disney's The Lion King (2019 Film)



RAY CHEW

Composer/Musical Director
BET Honors, American Idol, Dancing with the Stars