BUILD THE Extraordinary
THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEW HSPVA

RAISING $10 MILLION
For the Future of Arts Education in Houston
HSPVA’s Dream Becomes a Reality

An Important Legacy, Readied for Houston’s Future

For 47 years, the Houston Independent School District's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) has been a national leader in arts education. This unique magnet school was the first of its kind, giving diverse and talented students the opportunity to develop their academic and artistic potential. Over the decades, HSPVA has been constrained by inadequate facilities. Now, a long-awaited dream is about to come true!

Thanks to the 2012 bond to build new schools, HISD committed to creating a new HSPVA campus in the heart of downtown Houston. However, the bond budget does not include the features an arts school requires. HSPVA Friends, the non-profit organization that raises funds to close the gap between the school's everyday needs and the annual budget the district allocates to HSPVA, is leading a $10-million capital campaign to complete the new building and to ensure that the campus can be used to its full potential.

With your help, HSPVA will continue to set the national standard for accessible public arts education for Houston's young artists!

T H R E E E X T R A O R D I N A R Y G O A L S

1. COMPLETE THE CAMPUS
   The campaign will provide the essential components of a fully functional arts campus. Some of the necessary features that would not be included without your support are school-wide audio and visual equipment, theatrical lighting, sprung dance floors, usable outdoor spaces, and build-out of the four theater spaces: the Denney Theatre, recital hall, black box, and studio theater.

2. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT
   This campus must be fully functional for years to come. The campaign will set funds aside based on the life expectancy of musical instruments, computers, and theater equipment. Your donation will ensure that students—in 2019 or in 2059—are versed in cutting-edge artistic trends.

3. MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE CURRICULUM
   HISD's budget for HSPVA's annual programs is not expected to increase, even though there will be more performance spaces and classrooms to operate. This campus cannot deliver the quality education students have been promised without an influx in curriculum support.
About the Campus

HSPVA’s new home will be located at 790 Austin Street. Located along the light rail, between the Theater District and Discovery Green, HSPVA will be an active player in the lively rhythm of downtown. Designed and built by global firms Gensler and McCarthy, the campus optimizes the integration of arts and academics.

All of these features would be incomplete or nonexistent without the Build the Extraordinary campaign.

- An 800-seat main theater with a balcony and automated orchestra pit lift
- A 150-seat recital hall
- Art galleries
- A recording studio accessible to all students for preparing college and scholarship audition materials
- Sound-proof music studios and practice rooms
- Fully equipped spaces for creative writing, dance, theatre, and visual arts
- Costume and scene shops
- Multiple indoor and outdoor common areas
- A school-wide AV system plugged into every performance venue and music classroom

The 168,000-square-foot, five-story campus will include:

This cross-section along Austin Street reveals two levels of underground parking, a side view of the main Commons (complete with HSPVA’s traditional double staircase) and two of the four theater spaces.

In order to preserve HSPVA’s open, collaborative culture in a vertically-oriented campus, Gensler designed multiple shared common spaces and ample interior windows.
Make Your Mark on HSPVA’s Future

One-of-a-kind art for a one-of-a-kind campus

RECOGNIZING DONATIONS OF $10,000+

This organic wall, reminiscent of a mountain range, will greet guests at the entrance to the school and welcome them into the Denney Theatre. The surface will be a hand-crafted veneer comprised of narrow strips of naturally-colored exotic woods. An undulating metal ridge snaking horizontally across the curve of the wall embodies the biorhythm of the school’s creative energy.

Your name will appear in brushed stainless steel letters, crafted to echo the curves of the wall behind them, and will contrast strikingly with the fine-furniture finish of the wooden landscape.

RECOGNIZING DONATIONS OF $100-$9,999

Multi-colored wood strips will be woven together to form a cascade of leaf-like shapes suspended over the grand staircase, inviting patrons up to the second-floor performance venues and gallery spaces. The leaves will flow together into a dense ribbon that eventually transitions from overhead to flow down the length of the second-floor wall.

Your name will appear on an individual clear plaque, allowing the artwork’s vibrant colors to shine through. Every wood strip will be painted by alumni, current students, and families, making this one-of-a-kind installation a true product of the HSPVA community.

About the Artists

Patrick Renner and Kelly O’Brien are acclaimed sculptors with public art installations in major cities across the country, including Houston. In 2015, they partnered to form Flying Carpet Creative. Patrick graduated from the HSPVA Visual Arts Department in 2000. He is thrilled to give back to a school that means so much to him, having launched his successful career in the arts.

“My experience at HSPVA was incredibly formative, so it’s a thrilling opportunity to contribute something back to this wonderful program, which will continue shaping the creativity of our youth and growing the culture of our great city.”

– Patrick Renner (Visual ’00)

An Extraordinary Lead Gift

A long-time donor becomes a permanent partner

The Kinder Foundation, a supporter of HSPVA Friends since 2008, has contributed a lead gift of $7.5 million toward our campaign. In recognition of the Foundation’s historic investment, and in accordance with HISD policy, the school will be named the Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, or Kinder HSPVA.
Join the Campaign!

This new campus is a symbol of Houston and HSPVA’s values, representing the highest level of public education and the importance of the arts. Other cities across the country have already invested in their arts education facilities. Houston’s students are counting on you.

Visit hspvafriends.org/downtown to make your gift today.

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