

ARTS UMBRELLA BUILDING PROJECT SUMMARY

Arts Umbrella's new 50,000 net square-foot home at 1400 Johnston Street positions the organization as an anchor arts education institution on Granville Island, significantly increasing its capacity to serve young people throughout Metro Vancouver and across Canada.

The facility will house a dynamic mix of studios, media hubs, distance learning labs, and exhibition and performance areas for existing and future programming. Its doors will also be open to professional and community artists and performance groups, promoting continued community interactions between artists of all ages, levels, and disciplines.

Arts Umbrella projects that within 3–5 years, the new facility will welcome 15,000 young people each year, in addition to students reached in Surrey and extensive free community programs throughout Metro Vancouver.

Architecture and Design

The initial schematic design of the building has been completed by award-winning architecture firm **Henriquez Partners Architects (HPA)**.

HPA previously worked with Arts Umbrella on three projects:

- 1992: building repurposing at 1418 Cartwright Street—from an industrial factory space
- 1990: building renovation at 1418 Cartwright Street
- 2000: building expansion at 1418 Cartwright Street

Timeline

- Initial planning and seed investment complete
- March 2018: final design development, building code consultation, electrical, mechanical, structural engineering consultation.
- Aug 2018: construction and renovations begin
- Sep 2019: New facility opens

Facilities

- 7 Dance studios designed to suit dancers of all ages and experience.
- 5 Theatre & Music studios with specialized technical and audio equipment that support multi-media applications.
- 8 Visual, Applied & Media Arts studios with state-of-the-art media labs, a darkroom for photography, and two kilns for ceramics.
- A 160-seat professional theatre open to Vancouver's arts community.
- A publicly accessible exhibition space to showcase the works of students and visiting artists.
- New workshop spaces for woodworking, stagecraft building, and general fabrication will enhance our capacity to train professionals for the industry.

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