



HIGH SCHOOL

Crenshaw High School Performing Arts Center

Los Angeles, CA



Project in Progress

Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 3,436 occupants
Size of Site: 25 acres
Building Area: 58,088 gsf
Space per Student: 17 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$14,507
Square Foot Cost: \$858
Project Cost: \$49,847,000
Completion Date: January 2020

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In 2013 the Crenshaw Elite Choir performed for President Barack Obama at the White House. For 30 years, music teacher Iris Stevenson and the choir have traveled the world, sharing the power of music.

NAC Architecture, initially retained to renovate and seismically upgrade an existing 1966 building including the Music Building, lunch shelter, covered walkways and Multipurpose Building (on the AB 300 list), proposed a broad view of the project that defined a holistic campus solution in a new Performing Arts Center, arts classrooms, and a kitchen/dining facility. The award-winning choir that had traveled the world, and the entire

Performing Arts Department, would now have access to a true performance venue.

Designed to become the center of campus life, this project is defined by its embrace of contrasts: bright and dark, heavy and light, rough and smooth, sharp and soft. Major programmatic elements are housed in a single structure with two distinct characters; the Auditorium is contained in a massive concrete structure—mostly windowless and smooth, while a lower structure wraps the larger monolith with a lighter structure of steel. The lower structure contains the dining facilities and classroom programs and has more perforations for windows and skylights.