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SBCC Drama Music Building Renovation Under Way

Santa Barbara City College's renovation of the Drama Music Building will bring a remodeled, state-of-the-art facility for both training students and for theatrical performances open to the community. Work began in June 2009 and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2010.

The \$22 million project, which is being paid by a combination of State funds and the local Measure V construction bond, will provide:

- Infrastructure rehabilitation and restoration
- Code compliance.
- Return to "State of the Art" status for the function of the building
- Preparation for future improvements

The Garvin Theatre will include new seats and handrails, improved musical acoustics, a new orchestra pit, a larger lobby, and an enclosed second entrance.

Music students will have improved practice rooms, a larger music theory lab for mixing and recording, and a state-of-the art recording lab. Theatre students will have redesigned acting studio with a sprung floor, new rigging, sound and lighting systems, and enlarged and accessible dressing rooms

"The goal is to make audiences comfortable and provide our students, particularly technical theatre students, with a training facility that will allow them to move directly from our program to the professional world," said Tom Garey, SBCC Theater Design and Technology Department Chairman.

Photo Caption

Artist's rendering of the newly remodeled Santa Barbara City College Garvin Theatre

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