

MEDIA ALERT

Arizona School for the Arts to Host Official Ribbon-Cutting Event for Outdoor Amphitheatre and Enhanced Campus Spaces

When:

Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Arizona School for the Arts - 1410 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

On-Campus Parking Options: ASA Main Lot - 3rd Street and McDowell; ASA Willetta Covered Lot - 3rd Street, Willetta **Off-Campus Parking Options:** 3rd Street and Willetta lot - SE corner; Hance Park Public Parking Lot - off 3rd Street directly north of Phoenix Center for the Arts; Burton Barr Library, south of Willetta / east of Central

Who:

- Special guests for the ribbon-cutting ceremony include City of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari.
- ASA's board members will attend the event, as well as students and their families, administration, faculty, staff, and community leaders.
- Event will feature live student performances by ASA Chamber Singers, ASA Percussion Ensemble, and Stumpy's Second Line.

Why:


- The ASA Outdoor Amphitheatre, Student Quad, and Performance & Production Lab are a part of the school's continuous efforts to provide students with enhanced facilities, including indoor and outdoor performing arts learning environments and community areas on the campus where they can connect, create, study, play, and perform.
- The new facilities will provide the nearly 800 ASA students and their families with more opportunities to engage in school events, assemblies, concerts, and gatherings.
- The Amphitheatre will be available to partnering youth arts groups – such as the Phoenix Youth Arts Collective – and organizations that align with ASA's mission and commitment to education and the performing arts.
- Outdoor Amphitheatre Structural Highlights:
 - Seating for approximately 350
 - Solar shade canopy for energy cost savings and sun protection during lunch
 - Audio/visual and lighting systems as part of the Performance & Production Lab
- Project partners and contributors:
 - SmithGroup, Inc., an international architectural design firm based in Phoenix
 - Richard Newman, Pantheon Development

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ABOUT ARIZONA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS


Arizona School for the Arts (ASA) is a 5th - 12th grade public charter school located in the Central Arts District of downtown Phoenix. Established in 1995, ASA's mission is to inspire creative thinkers and leaders through an innovative concentration in college preparation informed by the performing arts. The school attracts more than 800 students from Maricopa County each year. To learn more, visit **GOASA.ORG**.

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