

# Bronx natives to put on small show in what will be the Bronx Music Hall

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Native Bronx artists are putting on a small show in what will soon be the Bronx Music Hall.

"People are excited about this. They're really excited that there's going to be a space sort of really devoted to our history," said Co-Artistic Director at the Bronx Heritage Center Elena Martinez.

Grammy-nominated Latin Jazz Percussionist Bobby Sanabria will be joined by Bronx Hip-Hop and Salsa vocalist Not-4-Prophet on Friday night.



The small performances are to remind Bronx residents that construction is still underway at the Bronx Music Heritage Center and to update them on the progress.

"Our mission is to promote and sort of present music that is the legacy of the Bronx," said Martinez.

The music hall will be a 14,000 square-foot venue--giving visitors an opportunity to explore music history and participate in music-making

To encompass the soundscape of the Bronx, they will cover everything from Jazz, Salsa, and Hip-Hop to the traditional music of the Puerto Rican and Garifuna communities and beyond.

"The Bronx gets all this bad reputation. People still say negative things about the Bronx and we've taken that for a long time but I think that people are really excited to have this state of the art facility," said Martinez.

The hall is part of Bronx Commons, a future mixed-use building on East 162nd Street that will have 305 affordable apartments.

The apartments will serve formerly homeless families, domestic violence survivors and low-income households.

The venue is projected to open next year in the spring.

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