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Bronx Commons Lives for Music

Ground has been broken on WHEDco and BFC Partners’ 426,000-square-foot, mixed-use development, Bronx Commons in the Melrose Commons section of the South Bronx. Designed by Danois Architects, the project serves many needed purposes. Bronx Commons will transform the final undeveloped parcel of the Melrose Commons Urban Renewal Area into a vibrant center for living, working, learning, shopping, and entertainment. The site will include 305 affordable apartments, a landscaped public plaza, and places to eat and shop. Bronx Commons will be anchored by the Bronx Music Hall, designed by WXY architecture + urban design in collaboration with Local Projects, an interactive media design firm. This new 14,000-square-foot, 300-seat music venue and arts-centered community hub features flexible performance space; a permanent, interactive exhibition that connects visitors to the history and influences of Bronx music; rehearsal and classroom spaces; gallery space for temporary and traveling exhibitions; and an outdoor plaza for recreation and open-air performances. The project is expected to be completed in 2019.

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