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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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