



August 18, 2011

Dear Friends of the Art School,

Below is an important letter from the Chief Program Officer inviting you to a meeting about the renovations of the Educational Alliance building and how it will effect the Art School. We urge you to attend this meeting on **Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30pm**.

Please RSVP to artschool@edalliance.org

Dear Friend:

We have exciting news! The Educational Alliance is planning to begin a gut renovation of its flagship building, located at 197 East Broadway, later this fall. The Art School fall term will not be affected. We encourage you to register for the fall term now.

This 22-month renovation would be the first of its magnitude in the building's 122-year history and would allow us to better meet the needs of our dynamic Lower East Side neighborhood with revitalized classrooms and new art studios, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and modern multi-purpose space that allows us to expand our programming for all ages.

We are thrilled about the potential of this renovation to create a reinvigorated space to better serve our diverse community. The renovated building will offer brand new facilities that match the high quality of our programming, and will help create a true sense of community among all of our neighbors.

The Art School will be put on temporary hiatus after its fall session is completed. Classes will resume when the new building opens. Art School students and teachers will be invited to a special meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM to learn more about the renovation. General updates about the renovation will also be posted on www.edalliance.org.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we improve our building for you and the rest of the community.

Best Regards,

Lynn Appelbaum
Chief Program Officer