

Organizing Committee to Save the Art School (oc2sas)

Save the Date!

Thursday, October 27th, 6pm

*The Educational Alliance is planning a 22 month gut renovation of its flagship building at 197 East Broadway beginning in December. That's good, but what's not is their plans to drastically cut back and alter its historic 100+ year-old Art School. EA plans to move the Art School from its 5th floor spacious and light-filled traditional art studios which boast high ceilings and huge windows. After renovations the Art School will reopen in a much smaller space on a basement floor of the building which has low ceilings, small windows, and little natural light. Popular classes in welding and black and white darkroom photography will no longer be offered.

*EA Administration claims the move and cutbacks are "necessary" to provide more programming for senior citizens and children. But it's a false choice. Plans submitted to the Department of Buildings show that after renovations most of the 5th floor will be converted to a "multipurpose" room and a "warming kitchen." EA representatives admit they plan to rent out the fifth floor for weddings and other events and use it for Board members and other VIP functions.

Time is running out but it's not too late for the Alliance to change its mind. Come to 197 East Broadway (near Jefferson) at 6pm on Thursday, October 27 and help us tell the Educational Alliance:

RENOVATE!

DON'T DEVASTATE!

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