

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Kinder HSPVA to celebrate new school with grand opening

WHAT: Kinder High School for Visual and Performing Arts is holding a grand opening to formally celebrate the completion of construction on their new school, built as part of the 2012 Bond Program.

The project — which includes five stories of classroom and program space and two levels of underground parking — features a dramatic main entrance with two-story-high glass windows, an 800-seat main theater with balcony, secondary studio theater, black box theater, dance and music studios, fitness center, and ample practice and performance space.

Following the ceremony, attendees can take guided tours of the new campus.

WHO: Kinder HSPVA Principal **Scott Allen**, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Board of Education President **Diana Dávila**, HISD Board of Education Trustee **Sue Deigaard**, U.S. Rep. **Sheila Jackson Lee**, Houston City Council Member **Jack Christie**, Kinder HSPVA student and NBC's *The Voice* contestant **Sarah Grace Kimberly**, Gensler Project Manager **Terry Newell**, McCarthy President **Jim Stevenson**, and Kinder HSPVA theatre students, choir, and quartet, as well as the High School for Law and Justice JROTC, and various dignitaries, district officials, students, and staff

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 4
11 a.m.

WHERE: Kinder HSPVA, 790 Austin St., 77002

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