



50 Years and Looking Forward

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***LTL Architects Selected to Design Future Headquarters  
of the Bronx Council on the Arts***

(January 22, 2013—Bronx) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) is pleased to announce that LTL Architects has been selected to design BCA's new headquarters in the former Washington Mutual Bank branch in Westchester Square. LTL Architects will design the interior program space, in addition to a new exterior façade and entrance. The project is funded by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and will be managed by the New York City Department of Design and Construction.

JPMorgan Chase donated the building at 2700 East Tremont Avenue to BCA, giving Bronx residents a new arts and cultural center in Westchester Square section of the Bronx. The 5,200 square-foot building is nearly twice the size of the organization's current Hone Avenue location.

Celebrating 50 years and looking forward, the Bronx Council on the Arts considers this building a "sustaining gift that creates a solid foundation for us as we head into our next 50 years," according to Bronx Council on the Arts Executive Director Deirdre Scott. "Because of the generous support from Chase, New York City and our local politicians, our new headquarters will become a nucleus for arts-affirming activities in our immediate community, throughout the borough and beyond."

"We couldn't have been more pleased to have been selected to design the new headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts," says Marc Tsurumaki of LTL Architects.

LTL Architects is a design-intensive architecture firm founded in 1997 by Paul Lewis, Marc Tsurumaki, and David J. Lewis. They engage a diverse range of work, from large-scale academic and cultural buildings to interiors and speculative research projects. LTL Architects realizes inventive solutions that turn the very constraints of each project into the design trajectory, exploring opportunistic overlaps between space, program, form, budget, and materials. Recently completed work includes the ground-up Living and Learning Residence Hall 6 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, the Administrative Campus Center at Claremont University Consortium in Claremont, CA, and Arthouse at the Jones Center, a contemporary art center in Austin, TX. "

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is the City's primary capital construction project manager, providing communities with new or renovated facilities, such as firehouses, libraries, police precincts, courthouses, and senior centers. DDC partners with other City agencies and emerging and world-renowned architects and consultants, whose experience and creativity bring efficient, innovative, and environmentally-conscious design and construction strategies to agency projects.

The Bronx Council on the Arts is a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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