

EL BARRIO'S ARTSPACE (PS109)

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An Artspace project for East Harlem

Artspace's first project in New York City will transform former Public School 109, located in East Harlem, into a mixed-use facility containing up to 90 units of affordable housing for artists and their families. It also will provide approximately 10,000 square feet of non-residential space for arts and cultural organizations.



PS109 is an amazing building. Designed in the Collegiate Gothic Revival style by Charles B. J. Snyder, New York City's Superintendent of Schools, and completed in 1898, it is five stories tall with a steeply pitched roof. Its exterior details include several copper-clad cupolas and a wealth of decorative terra cotta. After the building was boarded up in 1995, much of the terra cotta was removed and stored on the ground floor; it will be restored as part of the project, which is a partnership between Artspace and El Barrio's Operation Fightback, a

nonprofit community development organization based in East Harlem.

El Barrio's Artspace will serve the community by creating both permanently affordable housing in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood and a substantial amount of non-residential space that will provide homes for Latino social and cultural organizations.