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**SBCC Drama Music Building Renovation Under Way**

Santa Barbara City College’s renovation of the Drama Music Building will bring a remodeled, state-of-the-art facility for both training students and for theatrical performances open to the community. Work began in June 2009 and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2010.

The $22 million project, which is being paid by a combination of State funds and the local Measure V construction bond, will provide:

- Infrastructure rehabilitation and restoration
- Code compliance.
- Return to “State of the Art” status for the function of the building
- Preparation for future improvements

The Garvin Theatre will include new seats and handrails, improved musical acoustics, a new orchestra pit, a larger lobby, and an enclosed second entrance.

Music students will have improved practice rooms, a larger music theory lab for mixing and recording, and a state-of-the-art recording lab. Theatre students will have redesigned acting studio with a sprung floor, new rigging, sound and lighting systems, and enlarged and accessible dressing rooms.

“The goal is to make audiences comfortable and provide our students, particularly technical theatre students, with a training facility that will allow them to move directly from our program to the professional world,” said Tom Garey, SBCC Theater Design and Technology Department Chairman.

**Photo Caption**

Artist’s rendering of the newly remodeled Santa Barbara City College Garvin Theatre

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