

# SBVC campus upgrades continue

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (San Bernardino, CA)—October 17th will be a busy and memorable day for San Bernardino Valley College. At 4:00 that afternoon, the college will formally break ground on its new, \$52 million athletic complex. Then at 7:00 that evening the San Bernardino Symphony will perform for the Grand Reopening of the college's renovated Auditorium.

The groundbreaking will take place in the athletics area just southeast of the Physical Sciences building.

Construction has already gotten underway with phase 1 of the 4-phase project completed. Phase 1 included demolition of the college swimming pools, classroom building and a wing of the women's gym, as well as Hazmat abatement and getting personnel moved to their temporary spaces. The groundbreaking is really all about the start of phase 2, construction of the main building, visitor grandstands, and support buildings.

The main building will be a state-of-the-art, three-story complex housing two basketball courts, a group fitness room, men's and women's locker rooms, staff offices and lecture rooms. Additional work will include visitors' grandstands and support buildings. Completion is scheduled for July 2016. The existing men's and women's gyms will stay open until the new main building is open and then be demolished as part of phase 3. Phase 4 will include new home grandstands and bleachers.

When completed, there will also be all-new, drought-tolerant landscaping with teachable venues and even a riparian habitat.

Event number two that Friday celebrates the Grand Reopening of the college's landmark auditorium, which opened back in 1937. The recent renovation restored the interior's distinctive custom carved and painted ceilings, while adding handicap accessible features that bring the building up to code, with respect to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

A soft opening was held in August, featuring East Coast jazz flautist Galen Abdur-Razzaq. His



Remodeled auditorium

presentation showed off the new lighting and A/V capabilities, which were not yet completed at the time, but now are ready for the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra, headlining the October 17th ribbon cutting. Those interested in a sneak peek of the auditorium can view a two-minute video highlight of the Abdur-Razzaq concert on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY4UM8xJCoU&feature=youtu.be>.

The concert will feature 21-year-old violin virtuoso William Hagen, performing works by Tchaikovsky and Dvorák. The college's own Voci Soli and College Chorale singers will also perform, under the direction of Music Department Chair and Maestra, Matie Scully.

Details about the concert and a link for tickets can be accessed at [http://www.sbvcfoundation.org/news/Sept-2014/Auditorium\\_News](http://www.sbvcfoundation.org/news/Sept-2014/Auditorium_News). Prices are \$25 for the general public, \$10 for students and \$100 for VIP seating that also includes a custom-catered reception from 5 to 7:00 p.m. in the south courtyard next to the auditorium. Gourmet specialties are being prepared by Culinary Arts chair and chef Stacy Meyer and the students of her award-winning program. Beer and wine will also be served.

Sponsorships with additional benefits are also available. For more information, contact Kevin Dooley, Interim Director of the SBVC Foundation, at [909-384-8987](tel:909-384-8987) or [kdooley@valleycollege.edu](mailto:kdooley@valleycollege.edu).