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Popular EBR Arts School BRCVPA to Host Ribbon-Cutting for New Campus

BATON ROUGE, La. — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is proud to announce a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly rebuilt Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts. The ceremony will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 2040 S. Acadian Thruway.

The \$34.4 million project, including \$27 million in construction costs, was completed this summer in time for the 2025–26 school year.

"The Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts proudly welcomes you to celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony that marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the school," said Principal Dr. Louis Moore, who has led the school since 2021. "We are thrilled to open our doors wider than ever before and to continue nurturing the next generation of artists, performers and innovators."

The new 80,000-square-foot campus expanded the school's student capacity from 450 to more than 600 and features:

- State-of-the-art black box theater.
- Expanded arts facilities.
- Modern classrooms and learning spaces.

"This state-of-the-art expansion reflects our continued commitment to providing a high-quality, arts-integrated education — completely tuition-free — for students across East Baton Rouge Parish," Moore said. "With increased capacity, we are now able to welcome even more students into our vibrant and creative learning environment."

BRCVPA first opened in 1996 in the former Walnut Hills Elementary building, which originally served the Hundred Oaks neighborhood from 1954.

During construction, students and staff were temporarily housed at the former Kenilworth Middle School campus before moving into the new facility this fall.

The ribbon-cutting program will feature remarks from district leaders and elected officials, a student-led pledge and national anthem and artistic performances by BRCVPA students.

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to a reception and student-led tours of the new campus.

EVENT DETAILS

What: Ribbon-Cutting for Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m.

Where: 2040 S. Acadian Thruway.

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