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## **HERBERGER THEATER CENTER RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY**

PHOENIX – The Herberger Theater Center will be closed this summer for the second and final phase of renovations as a result of the 2006 voter-approved bond. The theater will undergo much-needed improvements that will enhance all of the public spaces, including the theaters and lobby.

The most dramatic change in the lobby will be the addition of a new lighting feature in the center of the rotunda. The lights are individually suspended glass balls with LED's in each one to create sparkle inside and outside the lobby. Another change will be the creation of a new second floor Gallery Lounge located off of the existing art gallery space. The Gallery Lounge will be named for the late Bob Herberger, whose financial support was critical in getting the Herberger Theater built.

The black box theater, currently the home of Lunch Time Theater, will get a new entrance that will provide shade for patrons and backlit translucent panels to help enliven the space. The space will be renamed The Kax, in honor of the late Katherine “Kax” Herberger.

The theater will re-open with a weekend of festivities. A Grand Re-Opening Celebration kicks off on Friday, October 1, 2010, featuring a re-dedication ceremony, entertainment, cuisine, a champagne toast, music, tours of the newly renovated theater and a few surprises.

The inaugural Herberger Festival of the Arts is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 10am-6pm. It will feature theater and dance performances, food, art, live music, film festival shorts and an interactive children's activity area. Presented by SRP.

The Herberger Theater Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and foster the growth of the performing arts in Phoenix as the premier performance venue, arts incubator and advocate.

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