

Transforming Lincoln Center

Construction News

Winter 2009

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Construction on the transformation of West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, designed by acclaimed architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro in collaboration with FXFOWLE Architects, began in the spring of 2006. It is the first project to revitalize Lincoln Center and make it a more welcoming destination for the five million people who visit the 16 acres each year. This inaugural project will unite West 65th St. with the surrounding cityscape, extending the threshold of Lincoln Center and opening up the campus to encourage the interaction of artists, students and the public.

Lincoln Center's second redevelopment initiative, the Lincoln Center Promenade, is a complementary plan to rebuild its primary entryway along Columbus Avenue and to upgrade the adjacent Josie Robertson Plaza and Revson Fountain.

A related project will be the transformation of the Harmony Atrium, a privately-owned public space between Broadway and Columbus Avenue and West 62nd and West 63rd Streets, into a public community and cultural space offering performances, information, and ticket services.

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Construction for the Lincoln Center Promenade has been integrated into West 65th St. construction activity. These Projects, along with the Harmony Atrium, are scheduled to be substantially completed in time for the celebration of Lincoln Center's 50th Anniversary in 2009-2010.

Updated News and Information

For details on the revitalization of the campus, we've created a general information resource on our website at LincolnCenter.org. Visit "Transforming Lincoln Center" where you'll find the latest information on construction activities, as well as background materials. Up-to-the-minute pre-recorded information is available by phone at 212.LINCOLN. Or, to speak to Customer Service staff, call 212.875.5456, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am–8:00 pm

Construction Activity as of 2/22/09

ALICE TULLY HALL AND THE JULLIARD SCHOOL

NEW ACTIVITY

- Alice Tully Hall and its box office are now open and ADA accessible.
- The *at65* café/bar in the grand foyer of Alice Tully Hall is open to the public daily from 8am–9pm and on performance nights remains open until one hour after the final curtain.
- The seating area of the Information Grandstand, at the corner of Broadway and 65th St., is open to the public. The information kiosk will be operational by spring 2009.

ONGOING ACTIVITY

- The new main entrance to The Juilliard School and the Juilliard Box Office is open on 155 W. 65th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam.
- The Juilliard Bookstore is temporarily located in a trailer on West 66th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam.
- The elevator and public escalator on West 65th St. provide access to the Walter Reade Theater and the Rose Building.

PARKING GARAGE AND CONCOURSE

ONGOING ACTIVITY

- The Lincoln Center Theater stage door and administrative offices entrance has moved to just past the glass walls of the Theater lobby on the concourse level.
- Upon entering Avery Fisher Hall Lobby, the right hand stairway that leads to the concourse level is closed.
- The stairway under the David H. Koch Theater portico is also closed.
- The prepay parking desk on the concourse has been relocated to the yellow garage. Hours of operation are M–F 4pm–8pm, Sat–Sun 11am–8pm. 24-hour prepay access is available on the lower concourse by the cashier's booth.
- The escalator and stairway to the garage level by the former prepay booth location are closed. Public restrooms are available on the lower concourse by the cashier's booth and in Avery Fisher Hall.
- Pedestrian access between the concourse level and the lower garage level will remain via the escalator and stair adjacent to the Met Opera entrance on the concourse.

PROMENADE AND JOSIE ROBERTSON PLAZA

ONGOING ACTIVITY

- The entrance to the downtown subway station in front of Avery Fisher Hall on Columbus between 64th and 65th Streets is closed. Downtown subway access is still available at 66th St. and Broadway. Entry to the underground concourse from the subway remains closed.
- Work has begun for a new urban grove at 62nd St. providing visitors with inviting green space, scheduled to open in Fall 2009. Staging for demolition of the Promenade Project continues along Columbus Avenue and Josie Robertson Plaza (JRP). The Columbus Avenue sidewalk remains open.
- The Revson Fountain is closed for the construction of a new fountain with upgraded technology.
- Patron access to all facilities on JRP and the North Plaza is preserved. Entry to the David H. Koch Theater Stage Door and eastern doors at Avery Fisher Hall will be maintained.
- The inner drop-off road parallel to JRP is closed for construction of a concourse level roadway below the sidewalk.

OTHER LINCOLN CENTER CONSTRUCTION

NEW ACTIVITY

- The David H. Koch Theater (formerly the New York State Theater), will be closed for construction for periods of time during 2008–2009 due to a joint initiative of New York City Ballet and New York City Opera to renovate the venue. This will not affect New York City Ballet performances. The New York City Ballet Box Office will remain open in the Theater through March 1, and re-open for the spring season. New York City Opera 2008-2009 season will present a series of events throughout the five boroughs, for details, visit www.nycopera.com.
- Construction has begun at the former Harmony Atrium for a new visitor space at Lincoln Center. The facility, designed by Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects will be a community space offering a Lincoln Center box office with discount tickets, a café, and free weekly performances. The facility will open in Fall 2009.

ONGOING ACTIVITY

- The north concourse drop-off entrance and exit on the south side of West 65th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam is closed to vehicular traffic.
- Pedestrian access to the north concourse is available from West 65th St. to Lincoln Center Theater, the Metropolitan Opera, the center concourse passage to the south vehicular loop, and the Avery Fisher Hall concourse lobby entrance. ADA access to these areas will remain. Pedestrian traffic through the drive aisles is not permitted.
- The ADA-accessible restrooms on the concourse at the rear of 140 West 65th St. are closed. New ADA-accessible restrooms at this level will open in winter 2009. Throughout concourse construction, ADA-accessible restrooms in Avery Fisher Hall will be available to patrons.
- The Tour Desk has relocated to Avery Fisher Hall lobby; the Lincoln Center Gallery and Performing Arts Gift Shop are closed.
- The 140 West 65th St. complex is closed in preparation for the Elinor Bunin-Munroe Film Center, Lincoln Center's new destination restaurant, and renovations to the North Plaza.
- For ADA access to JRP, enter at West 62nd St. between Columbus and Amsterdam; via the ramp leading to Avery Fisher Hall's eastern entrance parallel to Columbus when the Hall is open; or from the new sidewalk entrance at 64th St. and Amsterdam. For concourse level access, enter at West 62nd St. or from West 65th St. between Columbus and Amsterdam. Accessibility information is available online at www.lincolncenter.org/accessibility or calling 212.875.5375 for the department of Programs and Services for People with Disabilities (PSPD).
- The M104, M5, and M7 bus stops at Broadway and 65th St. remain temporarily relocated to 66th St and Broadway.

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West 65th Street Project: Diller Scofidio + Renfro in association with FXFOWLE Architects
Promenade Project: Diller Scofidio + Renfro in association Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners
Visitor Space: Tod Williams Billie Tsien, Architects



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