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🌹 A Rose in Harlem 🌹





Last week, it was thrilling for the students and staff at HSA to welcome award-winning actress Teyana Taylor and her team to HSA. Teyana held dance auditions for her directorial debut, Get Lite, a film about Litefeet, the street dance style that emerged in Harlem in the early 2000s.

During lunch, Teyana surprised everyone by spending time with our summer camp students in the HSA courtyard. She waved off her security team with, *"Leave me alone—I'm with my babies,"* and then took photos, recorded videos, watched the students dance, shared words of encouragement, and was completely present. It was a genuinely special moment that our young artists will never forget.

See more photos on our IG or LinkedIn pages.

Lastly, shout-out to all the dancers and dance crews who came to audition! 🙌🏽

10% Discount extended until 8/16. Register now!



Register now to save more.

Key Dates:

- July 12– August 16 (**10%** savings)
- August 17 – August 28 (full price)

Late registration runs from Sept 19-25 (50% deposit required and no proration)
We also have financial aid and payment options.
Don't miss those deadlines! Click the button below.

Learn more and Register to save

Summer Dance Intensive—there's still time to apply



Summer Dance Intensive

Ages 10-18
August 3-21, 2026

The HSA Dance Summer Intensive is quickly approaching.
Designed for dancers with at least two years of training.

Daily ballet and pointe classes are taught along side contemporary, Horton, jazz, Lindy Hop, and hip-hop, along with precision technique sessions led by the world-renowned Radio City Rockette dancers.

This intensive is focused on strengthening technique, expanding artistry, and building confidence. The program culminates in a vibrant celebration, our Summer Blaze concert.

Get your 🎟 tickets 🎟 for Summer Blaze here.

Learn More

HSA Spotlight: Immanuel Williams!



Immanuel Williams is one of HSA's premier music instructors and an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, composer, and educator from Annapolis, Maryland. A first-generation college graduate, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Jazz Bass Performance from Towson University before completing a Master's degree in Jazz Studies at New York University, where he studied with renowned artists including Lenny White, Wayne Krantz, Michael Richmond, and other distinguished faculty.

As a performer, Immanuel has appeared on stages at SXSW, Austin City Limits, and the Kennedy Center, bringing a wealth of professional experience to his teaching. At HSA he offers private instruction in guitar, bass, piano, and voice, helping students of all ages and skill levels develop confidence, musicianship, and artistic expression.

A valued member of the HSA faculty since 2019, Immanuel is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of musicians and empowering each student to achieve their unique musical goals.

Find more of Immanuel here.

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Did you know your gift to HSA might be worth even more?

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HSA IN CONVERSATION

A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear HSA Families,

If you've ever picked up your child after a disappointment and didn't know what to say, you'll recognize this moment.

When Gabrielle auditioned for a program at her school and didn't get in, her mother Tiffany picked her up, looked at her daughter's face, and prayed. A few weeks later, an email arrived. Gabrielle had been accepted to Harlem School of the Arts' Prep Program.

> *"HSA has quite literally been an answered prayer. It wasn't just a yes, it was the exact right opportunity at the right time."*

What her daughter found at HSA went beyond dance training.

> *"She has found a community. I see an increase in confidence — in what she wants to improve, what avenues she wants to go in. She can confide in her instructors about her days, her ideas, her goals, and they lead her into discovery."*

HELP KEEP HSA'S PREP PROGRAM FREE →





None of this is accidental. Your contribution directly leads to sustained investment in faculty who go far beyond their job descriptions, in programs that stay tuition-free by design, in an environment where young people can fully develop as both artists and citizens of the future.

Tiffany put the value of that investment plainly:

> *“There’s no dollar amount for what HSA is doing for the community. I couldn’t pay for the conversations that have changed her life, with instructors who have already invested in themselves, who are giving freely to the children. It’s priceless.”*

Priceless — but not free. **HSA’s fiscal year closes June 30.** We are asking parents and guardians, those that see the results up close, to help make it possible for the next family.

A charitable contribution of any size before June 30 keeps HSA exactly what it is for your family, and opens those same doors for the next one.

> *“HSA is a great community to learn and grow in your art form. It has been a wonderful experience!”*
>
> — Gabrielle S., HSA Student

YES! I SUPPORT HSA →

Thank you for considering our invitation to help support the next generation of young artists.

With gratitude,





James C. Horton
President & CEO
Harlem School of the Arts

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The Media and Design End of Year Exhibition: The Art of Resistance



See what our Media & Design students have been creating all year!

The HSA Media & Design Year-End Exhibition 2026 is an annual showcase of student work across all levels of the department. Our emerging artists work in several mediums: drawing, painting, murals, illustration, and cinematography and filmmaking. It offers a vibrant look at a full year of creative youth development and invites our community, current and prospective families, and supporters to experience it firsthand.

Reserve Your Free Spot Now

Last Chance to Register for Summer Camp!



The HSA Summer Experience begins in less than a month. If you've had to make a last minute decision late registration is until Sunday, June 14th (**50%** deposit required).

Camp starts on July 6 and runs to August 14, 2026. It will be a blast for campers to explore new concepts, engage in artistic activities, and enjoy field trips.

REGISTER NOW

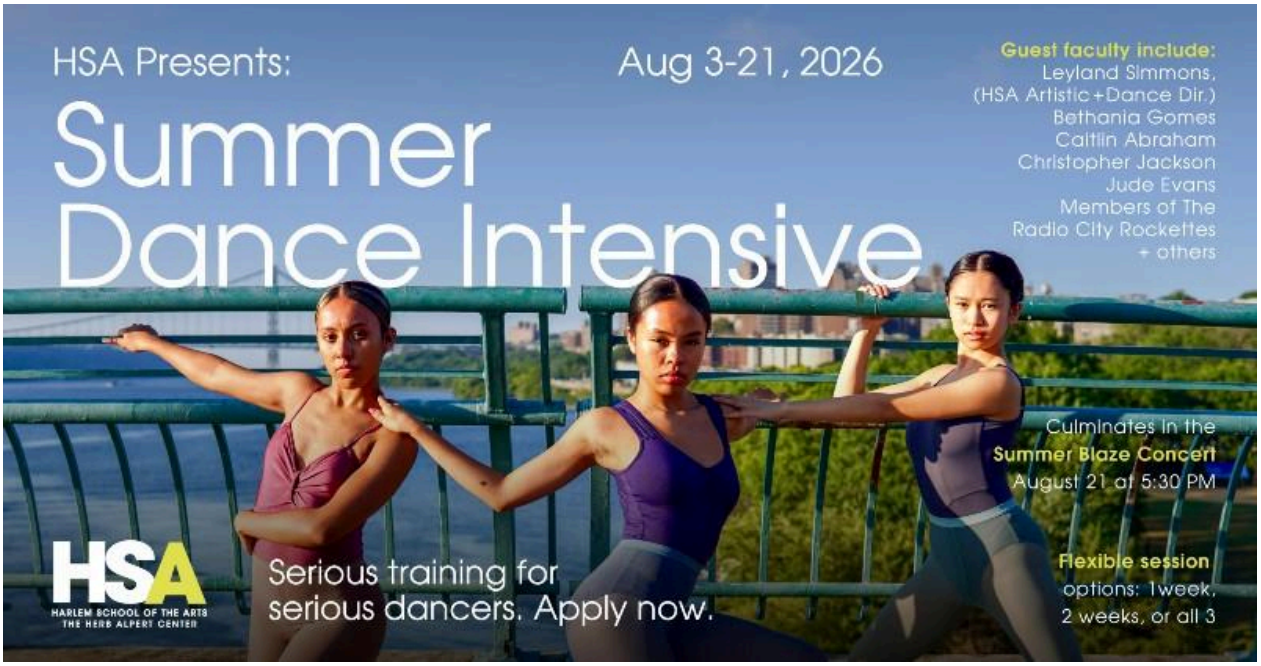


HSA is one of the 10 recipients of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's grants to community organizations, that will be supporting gun violence prevention initiatives this summer.

Lead the Change runs from July 6 to August 14 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 6-8pm.

All young people who successfully complete the program will receive a stipend of $750. Young people interested in participating should click the button below to apply.

Apply Here



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This experience is designed to grow the technique of intermediate and advanced dancers. The program culminates in our Summer Blaze concert—a joyful celebration of love, life, and dance!

Dancers that are interested and have the aforementioned prerequisites should submit video auditions by **Friday, July 10, 2026**.

Learn more and Register →

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