

To the NYU University Space Priorities Working Group:

I am writing on behalf of the undergraduate and graduate student council bodies of Tisch School of the Arts to reiterate our strong belief that more performance and rehearsals spaces are very much so needed on the NYU campus and should be a priority for this body when making plans for future construction. As students of the arts, our practice and our out-of-class work most often involves the use of a rehearsal or performance space to hone our craft in a proper environment. As artists, the work we bring into the classroom is often a product of the hours of work spent rehearsing, collaborating, discussing and executing with our fellow artists.

Tisch undergraduate and graduate students whose course of study involve performance constantly struggle to acquire space in the Tisch building (721 Broadway) in which to rehearse their various projects. There are simply too many students to accommodate in the limited number of rehearsal spaces with which the building is currently equipped. Students of all disciplines are faced with constant difficulty when looking to find space to rehearse, collaborate or work independently. Additionally, the theatre spaces in our building (though we do have several) are quite small and unable to accommodate audiences of large numbers. As students of the Tisch community, we ask that this need for more rehearsal spaces and performance venues on campus be addressed as part of the greater plans for future university renovation and construction. Our needs as students of the arts extend far beyond the classroom, and we hope that our concerns are taken into consideration in future discussions.

My deepest thanks for reading this letter and serving on this body to make NYU a better, more well-equipped place.

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