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The residents of Brighton and near by communities will soon have the opportunity to enjoy more culturally enriched lives when the 15,405 square foot Armory at Brighton Cultural Center opens in September 2009.

BleekerVigesaa General Contractors, Inc. of Brighton, Colorado has broken ground at the historic Armory building to rehabilitate the exterior, main level, and upper levels for public uses and renovate the basement for building systems and back-of-house functions. They will also construct a new two story atrium addition and exterior plaza of 1,385 square feet on the east side of the historic structure that will serve as the primary entry.

The Brighton Armory was constructed in 1921-22 as part of an initiative passed by the Colorado State Legislature to construct 12 State Militia Armories across Colorado. The structure served as an assembly building for years until 1977 when it was purchased by United Lumber for storage. In 2008 the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority (BURA) purchased the land with the vision of re-developing the building into a multi-purpose performance and fine arts center.

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Adjacent to the Armory will be the new 20,000 square foot Brighton Branch Library of the Rangeview Library District. They will both share the parking lot and other site features. The library will be constructed during the same time period as the renovation of the Armory.

"It is anticipated that the Cultural Center project will change the dynamics of the entire downtown area. Brighton is changing and we should look not only at the needs of current residents, but also plan for future generations. This complex will help meet those needs." said Brighton's Mayor Jan Pawlowski.

The Armory at Brighton Cultural Center will offer residents a downtown cultural center that will provide entertainment venues such as the Brightonmusic choir and orchestra, the Platte Valley Players, Ballet de la Tierra, Bright'n' Jazz and more.

BleekerVigesaa General Contractors was ranked No. 4 in the 2008 Top Businesses in Denver-Aurora, CO by "Inc.500"; The Fastest Growing Private Companies. It has also been named one of the Top 50 General Contractors in Colorado for 2007 and 2008 by Colorado Construction Magazine. BleekerVigesaa was also named to the Top 200 Restaurant Contractors and has the distinction of being named one the top 50 Hospitality Contractors in the United States by Hospitality Construction Magazine.

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