

If its award-winning Pittsburgh Children's Museum is any indication, Koning Eisenberg Architecture is great with kids. Now, the New Visions Foundation—an organization focused on the development and improvement of learning environments, such as charter schools and art programs in public schools—has enlisted the firm's talents to create the Herb Alpert Educational Village, a \$46 million project that is slated for completion in 2007. The 116,000-square-foot campus serves 700 students (pre-school through high school) and has ecologically minded features including courtyards, tree-lined streets, rooftop gardens, and a performing arts center with concert-hall-quality acoustics. With an emphasis on passive energy systems and natural ventilation and daylighting, Koning Eisenberg's progressive plan creates a socially and physically sustainable environment for both the student body and the local community. The campus is being realized with the financial support of legendary band-leader/philanthropist Herb Alpert, and presents a new model for schools of the future. **Tracey Hummer**



- 1 gymnasium
- 2 administration
- 3 classroom
- 4 food service
- 5 art classroom
- 6 auditorium
- 7 preschool



east elevation



west elevation



north elevation



preschool/elementary school south elevation