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451 West Street  
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Installation of event space, classrooms, library, conference room and administrative offices for educational institution in existing 1930s building attached to Westbeth artists housing complex.

The BRECHT FORUM is a place for people who are working for social justice, equality and a new culture that puts human needs first. Through its programs and events, the Brecht Forum brings people together across social and cultural boundaries and artistic and academic disciplines to promote critical analysis, creative thinking, collaborative projects and networking in an independent community-level environment.

Throughout the year, the Brecht Forum offers a wide-ranging program of classes, public lectures and seminars, art exhibitions, performances, popular education workshops, and language classes. These activities are developed in collaboration with the many social movements and the diverse communities of this most cosmopolitan of cities, and our programs bring together leading intellectuals, activists and artists from New York, across the U.S., and internationally.

The Brecht Forum is organized through projects including The New York Marxist School, The Institute for Popular Education & Arts at the Brecht.

**Lo que no sepas tu mismo no lo conoces.** Bertolt Brecht

Capital, Vol. III. Selected Themes • Romantic? Realistic? Revolutionary! • Art & Memory: Homage to El Salvador • Party BY the People! Party FOR the People! • Blood and Oil • Spanish Classes • Education for Liberation, A Workshop On the Paulo Freire Methodology • Under Siege! Know Your Rights in Police Confrontations • Introduction to the Theater of the Oppressed • Facilitating Consensus

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**Elogio al Aprendizaje** Bertolt Brecht, 1936-1936

¡Aprende las cosas elementarias!  
¡Para aquellos a quienes les ha llegado la hora nunca es demasiado tarde!  
Aprende el abecedario. No bastará, ¡pero apréndolo!  
¡No dejes que te desanimen!  
¡Comienza! Debes saber todo. Tienes que ser dirigente.

¡Aprende, hombre en el asilo!  
¡Aprende, hombre en la prisión!  
¡Aprende, mujer en la cocina!  
¡Aprende, tú que tienes 60 años!  
Tienes que ser dirigente.  
¡Busca la esqueta, tú que no tienes casa!

¡No tengas miedo de preguntar, camarada!  
No dejes que te induzcan a nada.  
¡Investiga por ti mismo!  
Lo que no sepas tú mismo no lo conoces. Examina los detalles a fondo: eres tú el que paga las consecuencias. Pon tu dedo en cada detalle. pregunta: ¿Cómo llegó esto aquí?  
¡No seas dirigente.

