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Safety First This article is about theater in California. For other things, see Arlington Theater (English) This article includes a list of references, related readings, or external links, but its sources are not yet clear because it has no online citations. Please help improve this article by entering more accurate quotes. (May 2020) In 1987, China's government decided to delete this template message. Coordinates: 34°25′04″N, 119°41′49″O﻿ / ﻿34.4179°N 119.697°O﻿ / 34.4179; -119.697 Arlington TheatreFront with box office in the center. Address1317 State StreetSanta Barbara, CaliforniaUnited StatesCapacity2,018ConstructionOpened1931Reopened1976ArchitectEdwards and PlunkettWebsitethearlingtontheatre.com The Arlington Theatre is the largest and leading performing arts venue in Santa Barbara, California, United States. In addition to regular screenings and artists, it is home to many events associated with the annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival. History Located at State Street 1317, the Arlington was built in 1931 on the former site of the Arlington Hotel, which was destroyed after the 1925 earthquake. The current structure was erected in 1930 as a showcase movie house for Fox West Coast Theaters. It was restored and expanded in the mid-1970s by Metropolitan Theaters Corporation. It opened in its current incarnation in 1976. Architecture Looking towards the entrance, just past the box office. Fountain in the center of the hallway. You're taking to the theatre. The Arlington was designed in the Mission Renaissance and Spanish colonial revival styles in a period when Santa Barbara was being rebuilt in this style after a powerful earthquake in 1925. The exterior has a missionary bell tower that ends in a finial Art Deco. The red-tiled building features a covered patio with fountain and a separate locker. The interior is decorated with elaborate décor. The ceilings of the lobbies are heavily beamed and painted. The auditorium itself can accommodate up to 2,018 people on the main floor and balcony. It is built to give spectators the impression that they are sitting outside in the square of a Spanish colonial village, each wall has houses, stairs and balconies, not painted but built from the walls. The proscenium, in the original theater, was formed by what appeared to be a large stone arch, through which you could see a river and hills (these were painted on the curtain.) Today, this effect is gone, and the proscenium is topped by the equipment needed for the lighting of the stage shows. The original ceiling remains to give customers the impression that they are sitting outdoors under the stars. One of the features of Arlington's signature is a Robert Morton pipe organ from Loew's Jersey Theatre that was installed in 1949. Hidden under the floor of the organ console rises on a platform in sight when played in a performance. The Arlington Theatre was designed by Edwards and Plunkett's Santa Barbara architecture studio. Plunkett. Wikimedia Commons has media related to

Arlington Theatre The Arlington Theatre - Official Santa Barbara Film Festival Website - The homepage features the photographic illustration of the Arlington tent. The Arlington is santa barbara's largest cinema and was built in 1931 by Fox West Coast Theatres. Although the theatre has undergone several renovations it retains its colonial atmospheric style / mission revival in Spain. The theatre is home to a 27-ranked Robert-Morton organ, one of five Wonder Morton theatrical organs that have been built. In the early 1930s, Fox West Coast Theatres wanted to build a cinema in Santa Barbara to compete with the Teatro de Granada, owned by Warner Bros. The resulting Fox theater was named for - and built on the site of - the Arlington Hotel, which suffered catastrophic damage in a major earthquake (estimated at ~6.5M) on June 29, 1925. Although officially called fox Arlington Theatre, everyone knew the new movie palace as just The Fox. Local architects William Edwards and Joseph Plunkett designed the theater, and the interior was decorated by the Los Angeles-based Robert E. Power Studios. The building was transferred to investors The Arlington Corporation of California, Ltd. and Fox West Coast took out a 25-year lease. The theatre has a relatively small lobby, but the building is half a block from the street with a covered outdoor lobby (the Promenade) that provides lobby and circulation space. Other theaters of the time that were built with these courtyard lobbyists were Grauman's Egyptian Theater and the Chinese Theater of Hollywood, the Fox Fullerton (all designed by Meyer & amp;'s architecture studio. Holler and finished in 1922, 1927, and 1925 respectively), the Pasadena Playhouse and the Alex Theatre (both finished in 1925), and the Geffen Playhouse (completed in 1929 as a Manic hut). Arlington is the only one of these theaters to have an outdoor hall covered, the side walls are open with large Spanish arches. In the center of the Promenade there is a fountain of tiles as would have been found in smaller Spanish villas of the time. Above the entrance of the theatre, in the Loggia, there is a mural depicting a Spanish dancer, helping to attack a theatrical note at the entrance to the theatre. For some the mural suggests a passage of time and maturity of the female dancer, but in this interpretation the mural somewhat strangely runs from right to left. The mural, which was reported at the time as a representation of several traditional Spanish dances, was executed by Samuel Armstrong. The interior lobby has an arched ceiling with handmade Catalanion chandeliers. The balcony stairs, at each end of the lobby, feature balustrades/iron railings and glazed Tunisian tiles. living room, located at the right end of the lobby, is a large room with an atex ceiling hung with flags inspired by including the coat of arms of Spain and the coat of arms of Castile and León. The ceiling of the living room has simulated wooden beams, painted in bright colours with Spanish-inspired prints. Inside the auditorium, the proscenium arch was originally made up of a stone bridge, with a semicircular arch and an atex-shaped top. Its design matched the buildings of the Spanish village flanking it on both sides, joining the two villages, and was 50 feet wide by 30 feet high. Through this large stone arch was seen the fire curtain, painted (by John M. Gamble, known for his floral and landscape paintings of California) to represent an Andalusian landscape: the view in a river valley seen across the bridge. The steps allowed the actors to ascend from the stage level to the right stage, over the bridge, and either in a turret on the left stage, or descending back to the courtyard buildings level of the balcony through the organ chamber of the Right House and from there to the auditorium. The buildings of the Spanish village on both sides of the auditorium have a balcony, working windows, terraces and stairs. They were stylized after buildings in Spain, but also partly after some of the first revival Mission buildings in Santa Barbara. Grills, weather vans and other ironwork, such as rain gutters/eavestroughs, were reported to have been handmade to coincide with the period of the building in question. The hanging lampposts of the buildings, which illuminate the auditorium, were copied from the Catalanion lampposts of the 14th-16th centuries. The auditorium seat standards were inspired by the design of the 15th century benches in Segovia. All these features are still intact to date. The walls of the auditorium are mixed with the ceiling, the acoustic plaster painted with distant views of the side walls (and illuminated in colors appropriate for hidden cove lighting), giving way to a twilight sky above, dotted with twinned stars flashing throughout each performance. One observer compared it to a swashbuckling scene straight out of an old Zorro film. Mission Revival style was popular during the reconstruction of downtown Santa Barbara after the 1925 earthquake, and the popularity of the style - for both new and replacement buildings - allowed the city a cohesion in its architecture that is still evident today, nearly 100 years later. The Arlington Theatre was notable for its tower, the design reported in the media at the time of being inspired by the Segovia Alcázar in Spain, although it seems that the bell tower of Segovia Cathedral was most likely inspiration, with additional touches being informed by the tower of the Carthay Circle Theatre (1925) designed by Dwight Gibbs - Arlington architects visited Los Angeles to launch their on Fox West Coast and probably made a visit to the Carthay Circle Theatre, at the time one of Fox's flagship theaters. While the Arlington Theatre tower had no bells, it does support a pinnacle sign: an elongated rotating drum with FOX FOX in it illuminated neon letters. The auditorium consists of a long, sloping, orchestra level with a shallow balcony at the back. The original capacity was given as 1,776. The auditorium is 100 feet wide by 150 feet long. A small secondary upper balcony was originally an exclusive club called The Chico Club, with a glazed perspective in the auditorium that allowed guests to dine privately but still watch the show. With an outdoor terrace overlooking the north and east over downtown Santa Barbara, private bathrooms, kitchen facilities that provide food, and a private view of the auditorium, it was certainly the place to be! The upper balcony is now used as a lighting and place position below. It would be desirable to reactivate the space for special events but there is only one access point and therefore the space does not meet the current code requirements. In 1955 Fox West Coast remodelled the Arlington Theater, along with many other old-fashioned regional theaters. The semicircular bridge proscenium was replaced by a conventional rectangular proscenium in the style of the Spanish people, designed to match the rest of the auditorium, but which catered to cinemaScope's widescreen projection allowing for a much wider projection screen. The stage improvements were carried out by R.L. Grosh & amp; Sounds Scenic Studio hollywood. Instead of being three-dimensional buildings like the rest of the Spanish village that forms the interior of the auditorium, the additions were painted on flat surfaces with perspective techniques and lighting executed in painting making them look three-dimensional. The new proscenium was established approximately 4 feet in front of the original proscenium, and two-thirds of the 1931 bridge still exists (the top was demolished). Photos of the original on-site proscenium are included below. Fox West Coast's lease was on February 29, 1956, and at that time or sometime in the following years, they allowed their lease to lapse. Metropolitan Theatres assumed the lease, but the exact date is unclear. What is clear is that the Fox Arlington Theatre became the Arlington Theater in 1961, and in 1975 Metropolitan Theatres bought the building from The Arlington Corporation of California, Ltd. In preparation for the Santa Barbara Symphony moving to Arlington, the theater closed in January 1976 so that the new owner Metropolitan Theatres could undertake a 475-year renovation project. , supervised by manager David Bisol. Bisol brought a truck to Los Angeles and selected pieces from Metropolitan storage rooms, bringing back a collection of ornate furniture from the cinema period to enhance the historic atmosphere of the Arlington, which included a sofa from the 1939 film Gone with the Wind (contrary to belief that the preview of the film in 1939 took place at the Teatro de Granada, not at the Arlington). The theater reopened as the Arlington Center for the Performing Arts on May 22, 1976, the theater's 45th anniversary. In 1973 a capacity had been installed in 1825 with the removal and replacement of the seats of the log, and in the reform of 1976 added an additional row of seats, increasing the capacity to 2,010. It seems that it was also at this time that the sound table was added on the aputl stage, with its maneuverable central ceiling canopy, along with curved acoustic panels at the back of the auditorium. Opening night at the Arlington Center for the Performing Arts featured swing king Benny Goodman, who performed as a clarinet soloist with the Santa Barbara Symphony at a classical and jazz music concert. The theatre organ is extensive and was originally installed at Loew's Jersey Theatre in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1928. It is a Wonder Morton, one of five built, and has 27 ranks (as built it had 24 ranks). The organ was removed from Loew's Jersey Theatre in 1977 and moved to Santa Barbara in 1986, with his first concert on October 1, 1988. The Main Chambers I and II are located in the Left House inside the buildings of the Spanish village, the Solo Chamber is located inside the building of the village of the Casa Dreta with a piano outside the building on the terrace. The percussion shelf is located in, and next to, the lighting bridge over the forest. The organ was restored by, and is maintained by, the Organ Society of the Santa Barbara Theater. The Arlington Theatre does not offer tours, but regular film screenings take place every day and there are often special live events scheduled. Check the theatre's online programme for events and online ticket sales. Flight system System type counterweight system operated stage just at stage level Load bridge No load bridge General information Seat capacity 1,996 (Orchestra: 1,675, Balcony: 321) with up to 4 additional wheelchair spaces on the back Orchestra Digital Projection Projector Barco DP4K-23B 4K projector (4kW light) 35mm projector film projector with dish system (Strong Ultra 80 lamphouse 4-7KW mounted on a Super Simplex base) Dimensions screen 46ft by 20ft Orchestra Pit Dimensions 48ft wide, 15ft deep in the centre reducing to 8ft deep on the sides Dimensions stage Proscenium Width 49ft 10in Stage Right Wing 13ft 6in Robert Morton Theatre Organ Console 4-manual, 27 rank Wonder Morton Organ Chamber Locations Main chambers I & amp;; II located House Left, Solo Chamber located on the right, percussion shelf located above Proscenium Organ Lift 6ft by 7ft 4in, located in the center of the Pit Historic Photos & amp;orchestra; Documents Files shown in this section may be subject to copyright; see our Declaration of Fair Use of Copyright on our use of copyrighted media. Photos Section: Auditorium: Orchestra Most seats (85%) are located at the level of The buildings of the Spanish village on both sides of the auditorium have a balcony, working windows, terraces and stairs. They were stylized after buildings in Spain, but also partly after some of the first revival Mission buildings in Santa Barbara. It was reported that the grates, grilles, and other iron works such as rain gutters/eavestroughs were handmade to match the period of the building in question. The hanging lampposts of the buildings, which illuminate the auditorium, were copied from the Catalanion lampposts of the 14th-16th centuries. The auditorium seat standards were inspired by the design of the 15th century benches in Segovia. Stage from the back of the Orchestra Orchestra seats from the Orchestra Orchestra house left stage seats from the back of the orchestra seats of the Right House Orchestra seats across the Arch of the Left House behind the Orchestra seats, from the House Left Auditorium: Balcony Can accommodate up to 321 people, approximately 15% of the capacity of the theater. The walls of the auditorium are mixed with the ceiling, the acoustic plaster painted with distant views of the side walls (and illuminated in colors appropriate for hidden cove lighting), giving way to a twilight sky above, dotted with twinned stars flashing throughout each performance. An observer in 1931 compared it to a swashbuckling scene straight out of an old Zorro film. Balcony from the Casa Esquerra Balcó Centre Balcony from the Casa Dreta Auditorium from the Casa Esquerra balcony of the village Auditorium watching from house left Auditorium from the house left balcony of the village just in front of the stage Auditorium of the right house balcony of the village Auditori looking towards house right stage from House Right balcony of the village Steps from village balcony to orchestra level House Right Balcony Village Auditorium: Foreground Balcony Left Buildings Close up Left Buildings Foreground Balcony Right Buildings Closing Balcony Right Terrace Cove Lighting in The Back Left Side of Balcony 1955 Proscenium House Left Closure 1955 Proscenium House Left Closeup (the door leads to a closet) In front of the house : Lobby The interior lobby has an arched ceiling with handmade catalanion chandeliers. The balcony stairs, at each end of the lobby, feature balustrades/iron railings and glazed Tunisian tiles. A sofa that appeared in the 1939 film Gone with the Wind has a place of pride in the lobby. Contrary to popular belief, the film's preview in 1939 took place at the Granada Theatre, not the Arlington. Lobby and Bar from House Right Lobby, House Left side Lobby, House Left side Closeup Auditorium Door from Lobby, at House Left Balcony House Left Stairs, from Lobby level Balcony House Left Stairs, from landing between Lobby and Mezzanine Balcony House Right Stairs, from landing between Lobby and Mezzanine Balcony House Right Stairs, from landing between Lobby and Mezzanine Gone with the Wind love seat Front of House: Lounge The Lounge is on the House Right side of the lobby and leads out to the Arlington Courtyard. The Living Room is a large room with a hanging atex ceiling flags inspired by Spanish heraldry, including the coat of arms of Spain and the coat of arms of Castile and León. The ceiling of the living room has simulated wooden beams painted with Patterns. Lounge from left Hall from the center of the house: Arlington Courtyard The Arlington Courtyard is a newer addition to the theater that uses the courtyard space that is located in the house on the right side of the lobby. It is an outdoor space but has weather coatings to protect against rain. Arlington Courtyard Arlington Courtyard Exterior Courtyard: Courtyard / The Paseo The theatre's indoor outdoor lobby is called a walk. Other theaters of the time that were built with these courtyard lobbyists were Grauman's Egyptian Theater and the Chinese Theater of Hollywood, the Fox Fullerton (all designed by Meyer & amp;'s architecture studio. Holler and finished in 1922, 1927, and 1925 respectively), the Pasadena Playhouse and the Alex Theatre (both finished in 1925), and the Geffen Playhouse (completed in 1929 as a Manic hut). Arlington is the only one of these theaters to have an outdoor hall covered, the side walls are open with large Spanish arches. In the center of the Promenade is a fountain of tiles, as would have been found in smaller Spanish villas of the time. Vestibule Arch looking at vestibule promenade from the street lobby looking at the Promenade The tile fountain of Paseo Loggia from Paseo Loggia Closure showing mural of Spanish dancers above the entrance of the Loggia theater from the Poster Case promenade up close with Fox shield at the top ticket booth Closeup (next door) Box office Closing (front) Exterior: Street The façade of the theater on State Street presents a tent The original box office, described as a small elaborate chapel of faience tiles and hand-wrought iron is still in place, facing the street, although it is no longer in use. The half-height round tower in the background is only for the show and was inspired by the Alcázar de Segovia in Spain. The high bell tower is further modelled on Segovia Cathedral, with additional touches informed by the Carthay Circle Theatre Tower (1925) designed by Dwight Gibbs. Façade from the left façade from Façade Street from the right façade Tent Close up Tent Closure Façade and Tower Detment Tower Tower Note the large square hole at the front of the stage that is the organ elevator. Auditorium from the Auditorium From the Auditorium Stage Centre from the Left Stage backstage The stage is 73 feet wide and 30 feet deep, with a grid height of nearly 56 feet. The proscenium opening is nearly 50 feet wide by 27 feet high. Stage from Upstage Left Stage from Upstage Right Counterweight Wall Panorama (Stage Right) Stage Right looking down Upstage Wall from the Right Counterweight Lock Rail stage (Stage Right) Counterweight Lock Rail Closeup Counterweight Lock Rail from the Loading Doors Upstage Center Panorama Stage from Upstage Left Speakers Movie behind Organ The theatre organ is extensive and was extensive originally at the Jersey Theater in Loew in Jersey City, New Jersey (1928). It is a Wonder Morton, one of only five built, and has 27 rows. The organ chambers are located inside the buildings of the Spanish village at the foot of the balcony right in front of the stage. The percussion shelf (e.g. the bass drum, etc.) is above the proscenium. The Main Chambers I and II are in the Left House with the Solo Chamber located in the Right House. There is a piano on the terrace of the House Right building. Pipes in the organ chambers on the left of the house tubes in the left organ chambers of the house left organ chambers tubes in the left house pipe organ chambers in the left house piping organ chambers in the right organ chamber in the right house organales projection booth the projection cabin remains in its original position , but your team has changed over time. Currently the theater has DCP capabilities (digital film projection) in the form of a Barco 4kW projector, and 35mm film capabilities with a dish system and a Strong Ultra 80 lamphouse mounted on a Simplex XL base. 35mm projector with platinum system Barco Digital Cinema Projector Booth from the right Followspot Box The area now used as a Followspot Box was originally opened as El Club Chico, a private club-style VIP dining space with windows overlooking the auditorium. Followspot Followspot Box Lights in Followspot Box Exterior: Upper Terrace At the back of the private balcony that originally opened as Club Chico you will find an outdoor terrace offering incredible views over much of downtown Santa Barbara. It is also from here where you can access the tower. Upper Terrace North View from the Upper Terrace Looking outwards from the Entrance Courtyard: Tower The Arlington Theatre was notable for its tower, the design that was reported in the media at the time to have been inspired by the Segovia Alcázar in Spain, although it seems that the belfry of Segovia Cathedral was more likely inspiration , with additional touches being informed by the tower of the Carthay Circle Theatre (1925) - one of the leading Fox cinemas of the time - designed by Dwight Gibbs. While the Arlington Theatre tower had no bells, it does support a pinnacle sign: an elongated rotating drum with FOX written on it in illuminated neon lyrics. Inner Panorama Upper Tower Ladders Down the Upper Tower Inside the Outer Tower: Loading Dock The loading area is located at the back of the building, in front of a car park, with the cargo door on the wall of the stage after Center. Cargo door at the back of stagehouse Original Proscenium The original proscenium of the theater, a stone bridge 50 feet wide by 30 feet high, was hidden by changes made in 1955 to accommodate the screening of widescreen films. The sides of the bridge proscenium still exist, hidden behind the additions of 1955. The 1955 additions were decorated by R.L. Grosh & amp; Sons Scenic Studio of Hollywood, who are still creating landscapes and background painting to this day. In the 1970s more changes were made when the theater was renovated as a performing arts center, primarily to accommodate the San Diego Symphony. Grosh Seal on the back of 1955 proscenium Penthouse The penthouse is 100 feet wide by 150 feet long, the acoustic plaster ceiling below that forms in a light metal frame hung in steel truss. In 1931, six years after the earthquake that devastated much of downtown Santa Barbara, earthquake-proof methods were reported to have been used in this [roof] construction, with more than 5,000 anchors. Entrance to the attic, from the Attic tower from House Rear, looking towards the attic stage from back house, looking out for House Left Photographs copyright © 2002-2020 Mike Hume/historictheatrephotos.com unless otherwise stated. Image copyright © 2017-2020 Mike Hume/historictheatrephotos.com.

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