

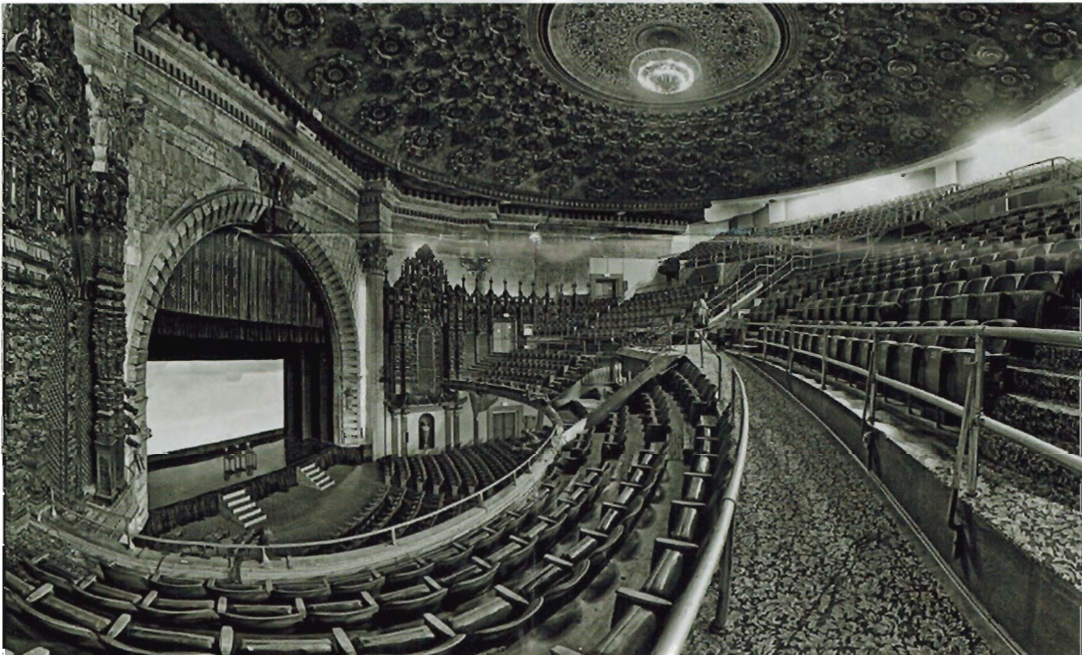
NIGHT ON
BROADWAY
JANUARY 30, 2016

An evening of food, entertainment, culture and arts to celebrate the 8th anniversary of Councilmember José Huizar's Bringing Back Broadway.
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The Million Dollar Theatre

307 S. Broadway
Temple of the Motion Picture

Opened: February 1, 1918 with William S. Hart's movie "The Silent Man"
& Grauman Symphony Orchestra



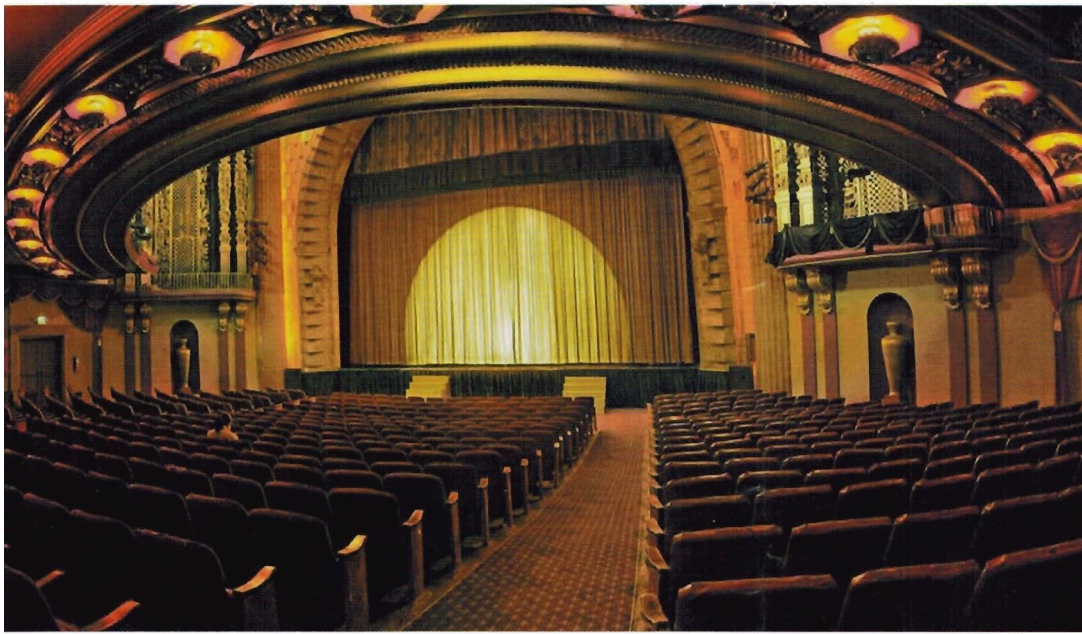
Welcome to Sid Grauman's first Los Angeles movie palace.

The Million Dollar Theatre ushered in a new age of spectacular architecture and décor that transformed the Los Angeles movie-going experience and influenced the design of movie palaces across the U.S. - the Architecture of Fantasy was born.

Just 13 years later, in 1931, the national frenzy of showmanship and architectural daring reached a climax with the opening of the Los Angeles Theatre, just a few blocks down Broadway. It would be the last of the great L.A. movie palaces.

Architect William Woollett used John Ruskin's allegorical story The King of the Golden River as a theme for much of the artwork and plaster ornamentation. A number of murals and extensive stenciling work have been over-painted or hidden above dropped ceilings. Rich colors, hidden murals, atmospheric lighting and sparkling gold leaf await restoration.

The Million Dollar has many more wonderful secrets yet hidden.



An opening night review called the interior “a wild riot of color.” 92 years of wear and tear have muted the brilliant colors. (ceiling detail above)



Below:: Top 1/3 of The King of the Golden River Lobby mural. Another mural, Sail On! (not pictured) is on the opposite wall.

Above: Puppy, Hans & Schwartz, Gluck, Old Man, Southwest Wind, Esquire and other images

Architect: William Lee Woollett (theatre interior) with A.C. Martin (structure)
 Capacity: 2200; Currently: 2024
 Owned and Operated by: Grand Central Square
 Website: <http://www.milliondollar.la>
 National Register District Listing
 Grauman sells his interest in 1923
 Frank Fouce Spanish language movies and stage shows begin in 1950
 Closed as theatre 1993

**For more information please visit:
www.LAHTF.org**

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