

Jefferson Theatre Restoration

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The building

The Jefferson Theatre opened in downtown Beaumont, Texas, in 1927 as a movie and vaudeville house. It was designed by the New Orleans architect Emile Weil in a Renaissance Revival style and retains its original Robert Morton pipe organ, which the City of Beaumont describes as one of only two of its kind still in use in the country.

Decline and restoration

The theatre closed as a movie house in 1972 and later declined. A local preservation effort led to a major restoration in the early 2000s. Conrad Schmitt Studios, which performed the interior restoration, records that the project recreated the theatre's original stencil and decorative scheme with extensive gilding and glazing, reversing a later single-color paint scheme, and that the work received a 2004 Best Restoration Project award. The City of Beaumont lists the theatre as fully restored in 2003.

Some frequently repeated details, such as an exact original construction cost, a precise opening date, and a single definitive seat count, vary between sources and are not asserted here. Where you need an exact figure, consult the official operator.

Where to confirm current information

For current programs, tickets, tours, and access, the theatre is booked through the City of Beaumont's official event service. The live, maintained guide to this building on Beaumont Civic Atlas is at:

<https://beaumont-tx-complex.com/places/jefferson-theatre/>

Sources

- Conrad Schmitt Studios, Jefferson Theatre restoration project page: <https://conradschmitt.com/project/jefferson-theatre-beaumont-civic-center-complex/>
- City of Beaumont, Entertainment in Beaumont: <https://www.beaumonttexas.gov/524/Entertainment-in-Beaumont>
- Beaumont Events (official venue and box-office service): <https://beaumonteventstx.com/jefferson-theatre-info/>

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