



Help Set the Stage

Proposed uses for the restored theater include:

- Local and traveling concerts
- Classic movies
- Theater and dinner theater events
- Performances, conventions, and meetings for local organizations and businesses

A young couple's first date, the magic of seeing Al Jolson or Clara Bow, a memorable ceremony, a gala event.

These Washington Theater **memories** and exciting Washington Theater **futures** can help to preserve a historic landmark and add to our quality of life.

Please help save this local treasure and support the Friends of the Washington Theater in this exciting venture! It's a wonderful opportunity for you to be a part of a significant community-building project.



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*Raising the Curtain
Once Again*



A Diamond in the Gem City

The Washington Theater has majestically kept watch over Quincy's Washington Square for nearly eight decades. It first opened its doors on June 19, 1924 as a vaudeville theater, receiving an audience of over 5,000 patrons.

Two years later, in 1926, the Washington Theater was remodeled to better accommodate both patrons and performers. Improvements included a new cooling system, a lower stage for better visibility, interior redecoration, and additional street exits.

Over the next several decades, the Washington Theater was host to countless vaudeville acts and photoplays, including "The Brown Derby" and "The Lights of New York," Quincy's first all-talking picture.

On October 1, 1971, the Kerasotes Theater purchased the Washington Theater and operated it as a movie theater for the next decade.

Sadly, on September 30, 1982, the curtain was lowered for the last time. Over the years, the Washington Theater has slowly deteriorated and fallen prey to neglect.



Looking Ahead

Funding has already been obtained to repair the vital infrastructure by:

- Replacing the badly deteriorated roof
- Modernizing the outdated electrical and plumbing system
- Renovating the heating/cooling and emergency power system

However, some basic improvements are still needed to set the stage for further renovation:

- Restoring the marquee and vintage neon lighting
- Renovating the exterior to its original design
- Expanding the lobby to provide public amenities, a concession stand, and a box office
- Improving the acoustics and lighting for performance groups such as the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, the Muddy River Opera Company, and a variety of others

We need your help to restore the theater to its former grandeur!

Join us in our efforts and help set the stage.

Your investment now will pay dividends for years!



Whether you're a Friend or a Founder, your donation will help us raise the curtain on our stage once again.

Donor	Donation
Founder	\$100,000+
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Benefactor	\$2,500-4,999
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Associate	\$500-999
Friend	\$1-499

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