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Bohm Theatre

201 South Superior Street, Albion

COMPLETED 2014

Project overview

Built in 1929, the Bohm Theatre was an important entertainment venue, cultural resource, and focal point in the city of Albion. Closed since 2008, the project involves exterior and interior rehabilitation, including a conversion from a multiplex back to its original use as a single-screen theater. Based upon input from the community and an advisory board, the Bohm will be a prime setting for a wide array of events: first-run and classic films, musical performances, theatrical performances, lectures, and seminars.

Major restorations include:

- The original marquee was restored to display featured attractions
- The interior was painted to the original color scheme
- A team of artisans restored and repaired decorative plaster elements
- The balcony was restored and upgraded to provide a high-end experience for premium seating ticket-holders
- A lift was added to the stage to offer accessibility
- In order to accommodate live performances, the stage and dressing rooms were restored
- All mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems were upgraded to meet code requirements
- Additional restrooms and a coat room were added
- The concession area has been separated from the main lobby ticket area

MEDC investment: \$650,000 Community Development Block Grant (approved FY13); \$75,000 Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs grant (approved FY14)

Private investment: \$2.3 million

Investment: Albion College, \$100,000

Jobs created: 2



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