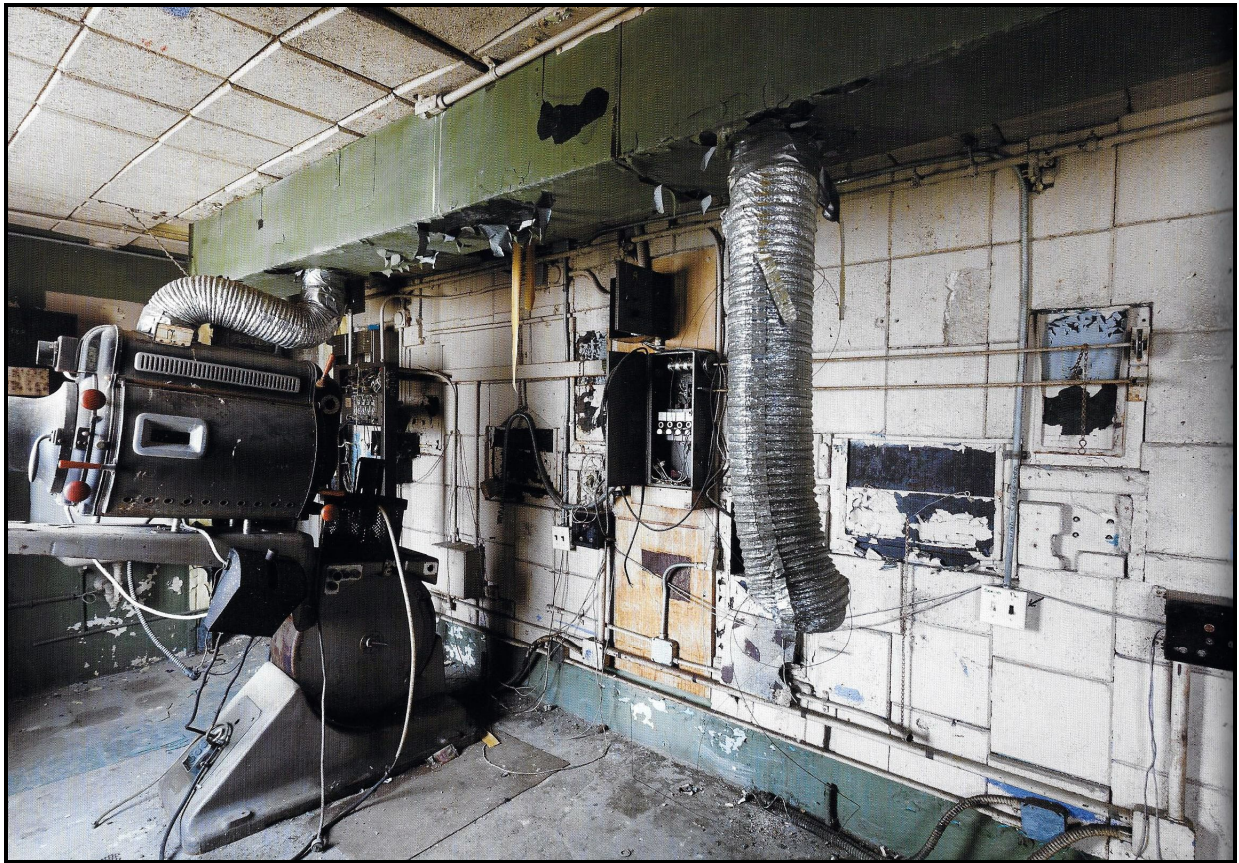


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Theatres Abandoned



Variety Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio

Most of the time, there is nothing remarkable about a movie theatre today; but that wasn't always the case. When the great American movie palaces began opening in the early 20th century, they were some of the most lavish, stunning buildings ever seen. However, they wouldn't last- with the advent of in-home television, theatre companies found it harder and harder to keep them open.

Some were demolished, some were converted, and some remain empty to this day.

[Photo Credits] *After the Final Curtain*
The Fall of the American Movie Theatre
Matt Lambros (Photographer), 2016

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1917-Present Day**

Paramount Theatre

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY



Date Remodelled: 1917

Seating Capacity: 3642

Owner: Paramount from 1931

Architect: Thomas W Lamb

Date Abandoned: Closed 1986

Became Army/Navy surplus store. Awaiting demolition

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1917-Present Day**

Metropolitan Theatre

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



Date Built: 1922

Seating Capacity: 1450

Owner: Warner Bros 1925

Architect: Thomas W Lamb

Closed 1977. Demolished 1978

Originally air conditioned by Wittenmeier

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Loew's Poli Theatre

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT



Date Built: 1922

Seating Capacity: 3642

Owner: Loew's

Architect: Thomas W Lamb

Date Abandoned: Closed 1975

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Grand Theatre

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO



Date Built: 1925 (Theatre 1885)

Seating Capacity: 1450

Owner: Charles, Edward, Howard & Bigio

Architect: Unknown

Closed 1979. Shop. 2010 Restoration planned

Originally air conditioned by Carrier 1927

**Air Conditioning American Movie Theatres
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State Palace Theatre

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



Date Built: 1926

Seating Capacity: 3285

Owner: Loew's

Architect: Thomas W Lamb

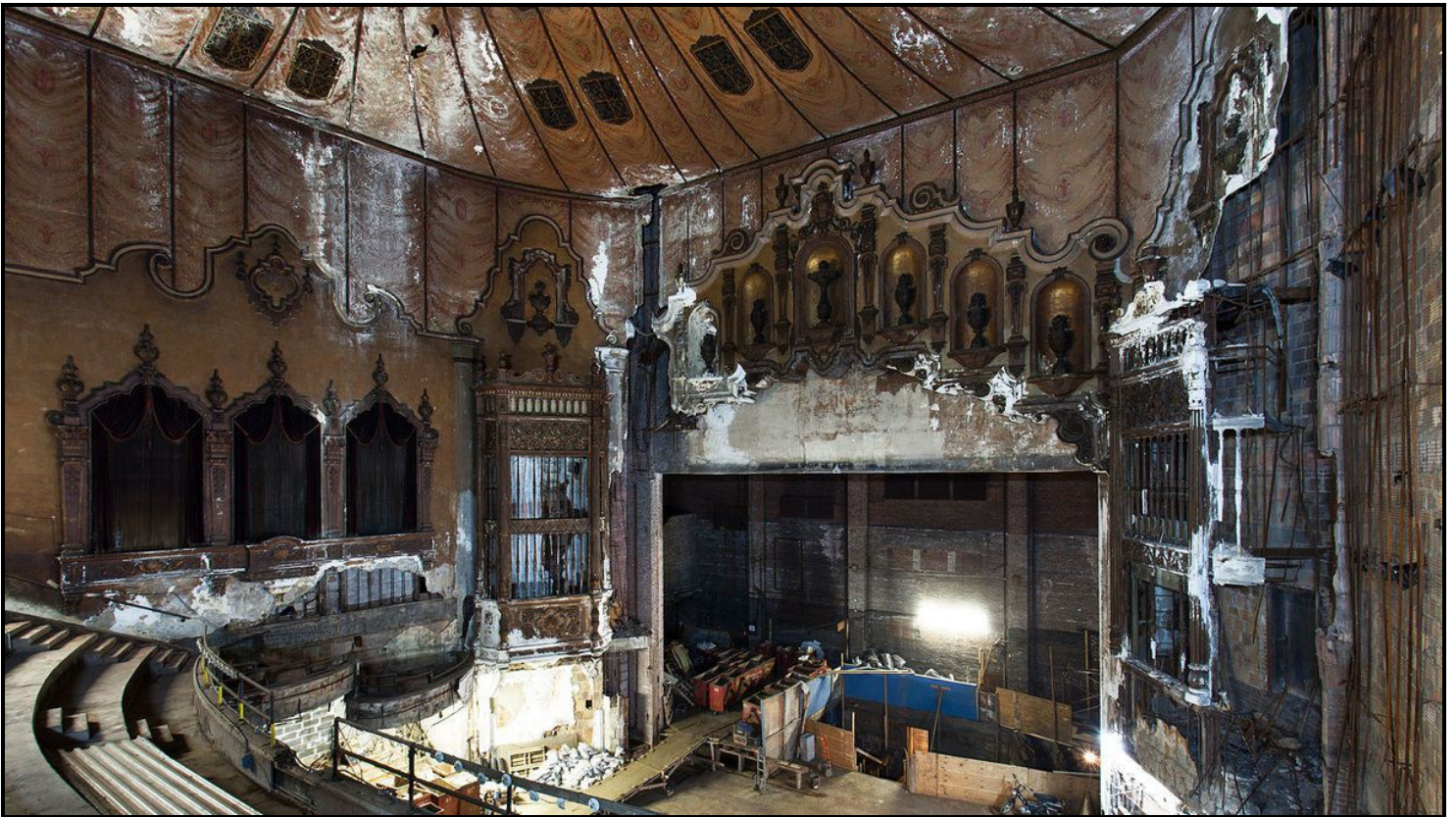
Closed 1980s. Restored. Closed 2007 Demolished 1978

Originally air conditioned by Wittenmeier

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Loew's Canal Theatre

NEW YORK, NEW YORK



Date Built: 1927

Seating Capacity: 2279

Owner: Loew's

Architect: Thomas Lamb

Date Abandoned: Closed 1980

Now warehouse

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1917-1932**

Carolina Theatre

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



Date Built: 1927

Seating Capacity: 1100

Owner: Operated by H F Kinsey for Paramount

Architect: R E Hall

Originally air conditioned by Carrier 1927



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Boyd Theatre

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Date Built: 1928

Seating Capacity: 2450

Owner: Alexander Boyd

Architect: Hoffman-Henon

Date Abandoned: Closed 2002. Largely demolished

Originally air conditioned by Carrier Corporation

**Air Conditioning American Movie Theatres
1917-Present Day**

Uptown Theatre

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Date Built: 1929

Seating Capacity: 2040

Owner: Samuel Shapiro

Architect: Magaziner, Eberhard & Harris

Date Abandoned: Became church, vacated 2003

Restoration planned. Originally Carrier air conditioning



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Loew's Kings Theatre

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK



Date Built: 1929

Seating Capacity: 3398

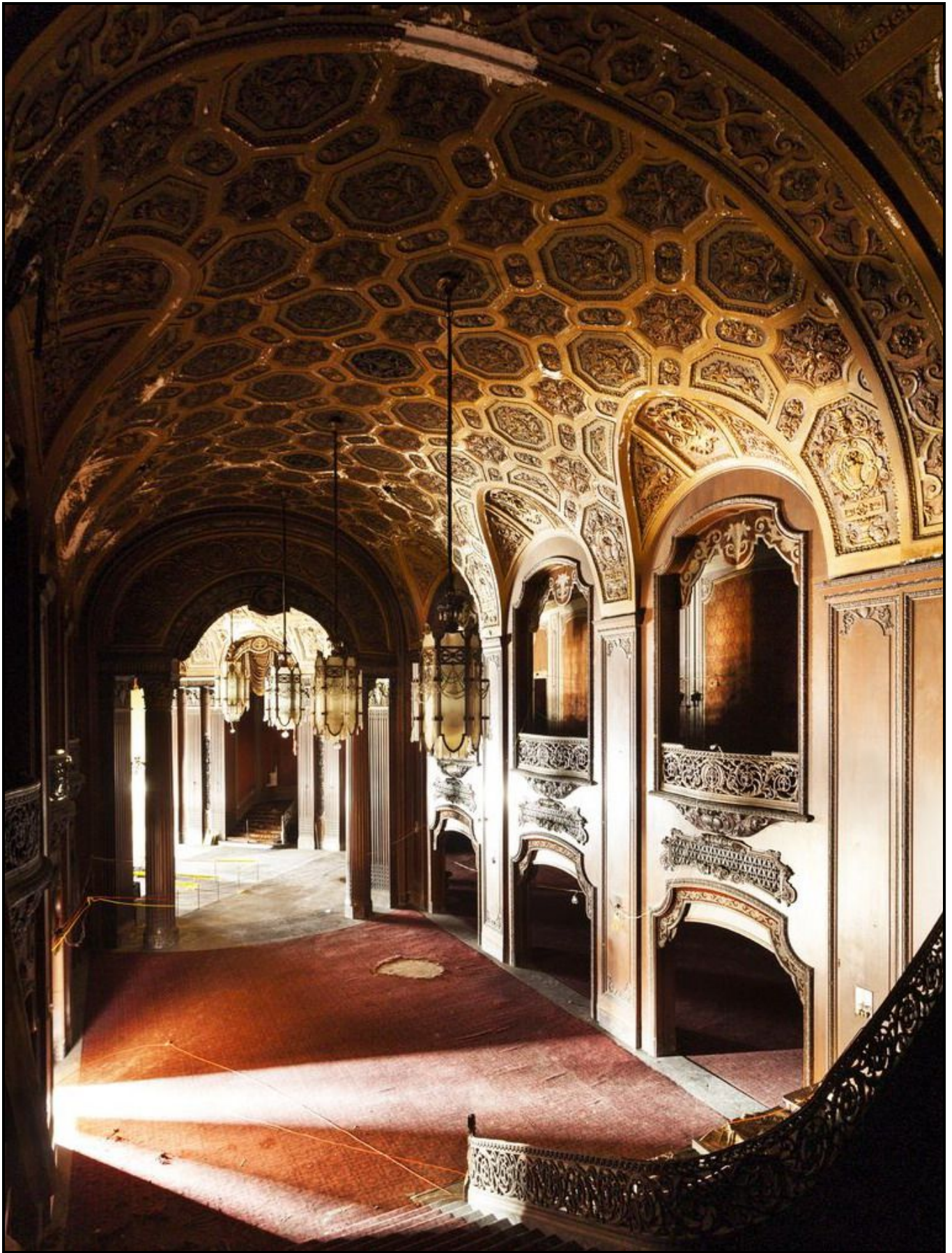
Owner: Loew's

Architect: Rapp & Rapp

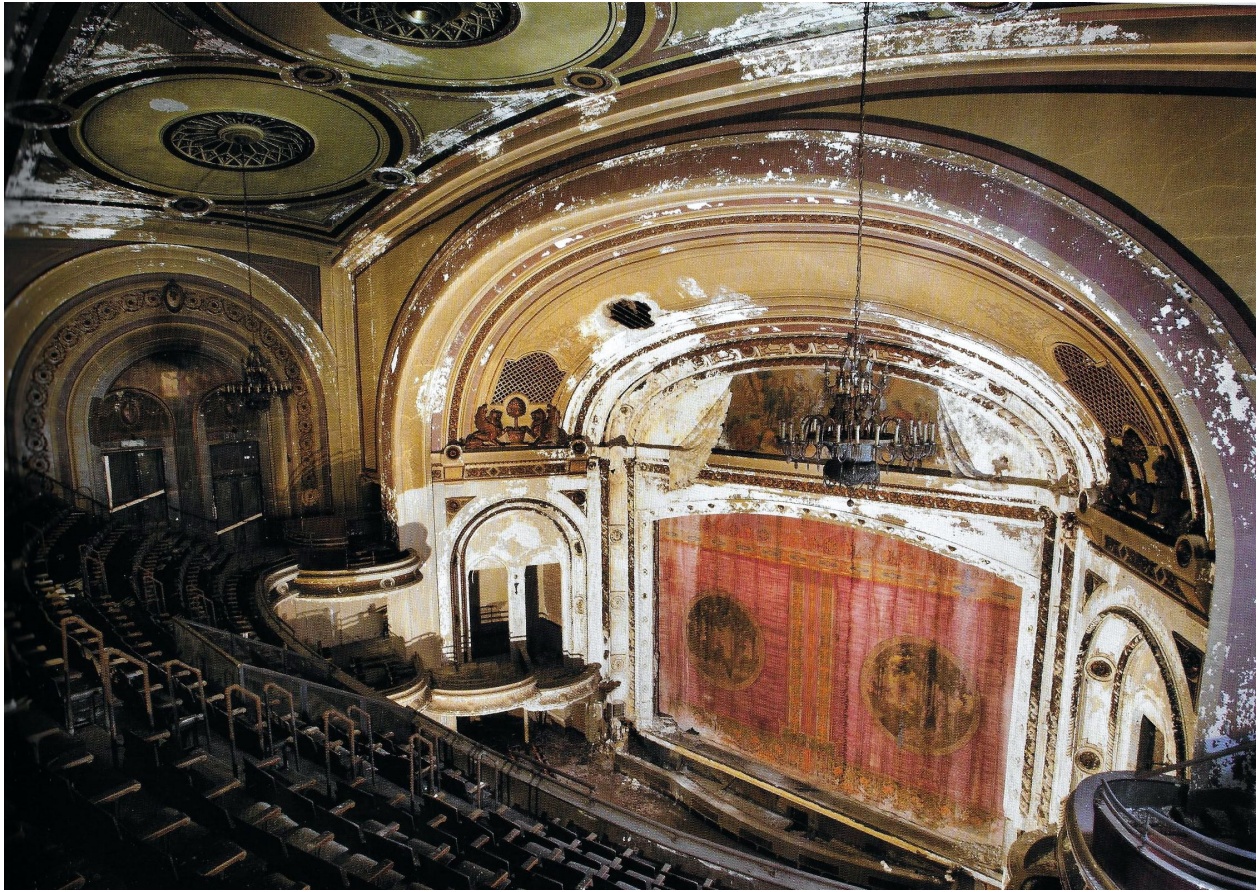
Date Abandoned: Became church, vacated 2003

Closed 1977. Restored, reopened 2015

Originally air conditioned by York Ice Machinery



Kings Theatre, Brooklyn



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This book by Matt Lambros (2016) contains photographs of many Movie Theatres which have been neglected and fallen into a bad state of repair. A listing of the theatres covered in his book follows on the next page. There are many additional photographs and other theatres on his website; mlambrosphotography.com.

Loew's Poli Theatre, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Adams Theatre, Newark, New Jersey
Paramount Theatre, Newark, New Jersey
Boyd Theatre, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Uptown Theatre, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Franklin Park Theatre, Dorchester, Massachusetts
Embassy Theatre, Port Chester, New York
Loew's Canal Theatre, New York, New York
Shore Theatre, Brooklyn, New York
Loew's Kings Theatre, Brooklyn, New York
Lyric Fine Arts Theatre, Birmingham, Alabama
Loew's State Theatre, New Orleans, Louisiana
Grand Theatre, Steubenville, Ohio
Variety Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio
Eastown Theatre, Detroit, Michigan
Liberty Theatre, Youngstown, Ohio
Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
Kenosha Theatre, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Jayhawk Theatre, Topeka, Kansas
Paramount Theatre, Marshall, Texas
Fox Theatre, Inglewood, California
Warner Theatre, Huntington Park, California