

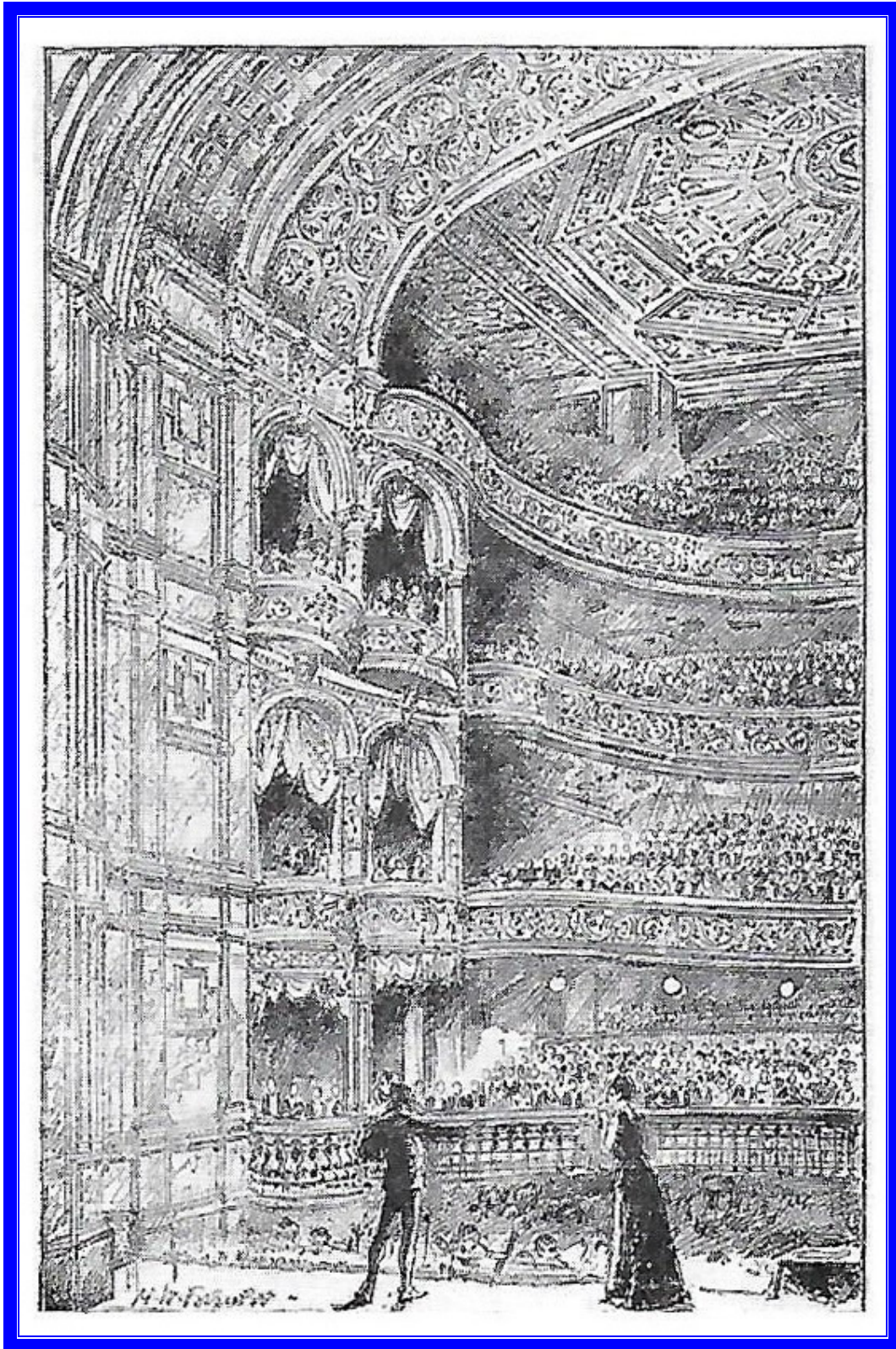


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**Through the Ages**

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*The Palace Theatre, London, 1891 (Victorian & Edwardian Theatres)*

*"New Technology: With its 2000-odd lights it has the largest electrical installation in the world. The 'electro-motors' also supplied the house with 'fresh air, passed over ice in summer and hot-water pipes in winter. Stale air was electrically extracted', a very early use of full air-conditioning."*

*Front cover :The Old Vic Theatre, London*



*At the Haymarket Theatre box office 1891 (The Graphic)*

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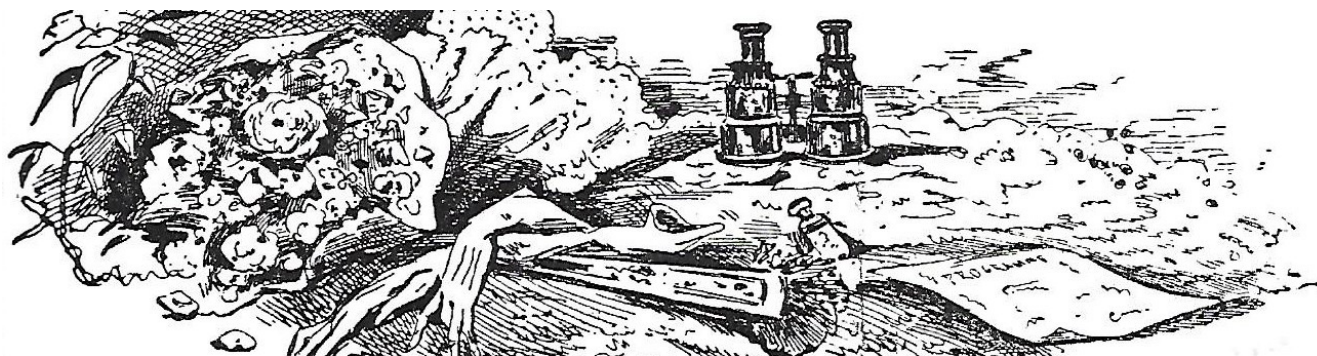
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*Parkway Theatre, Baltimore built 1915 (Flickering Treasures) Architect: Oliver B Wight*

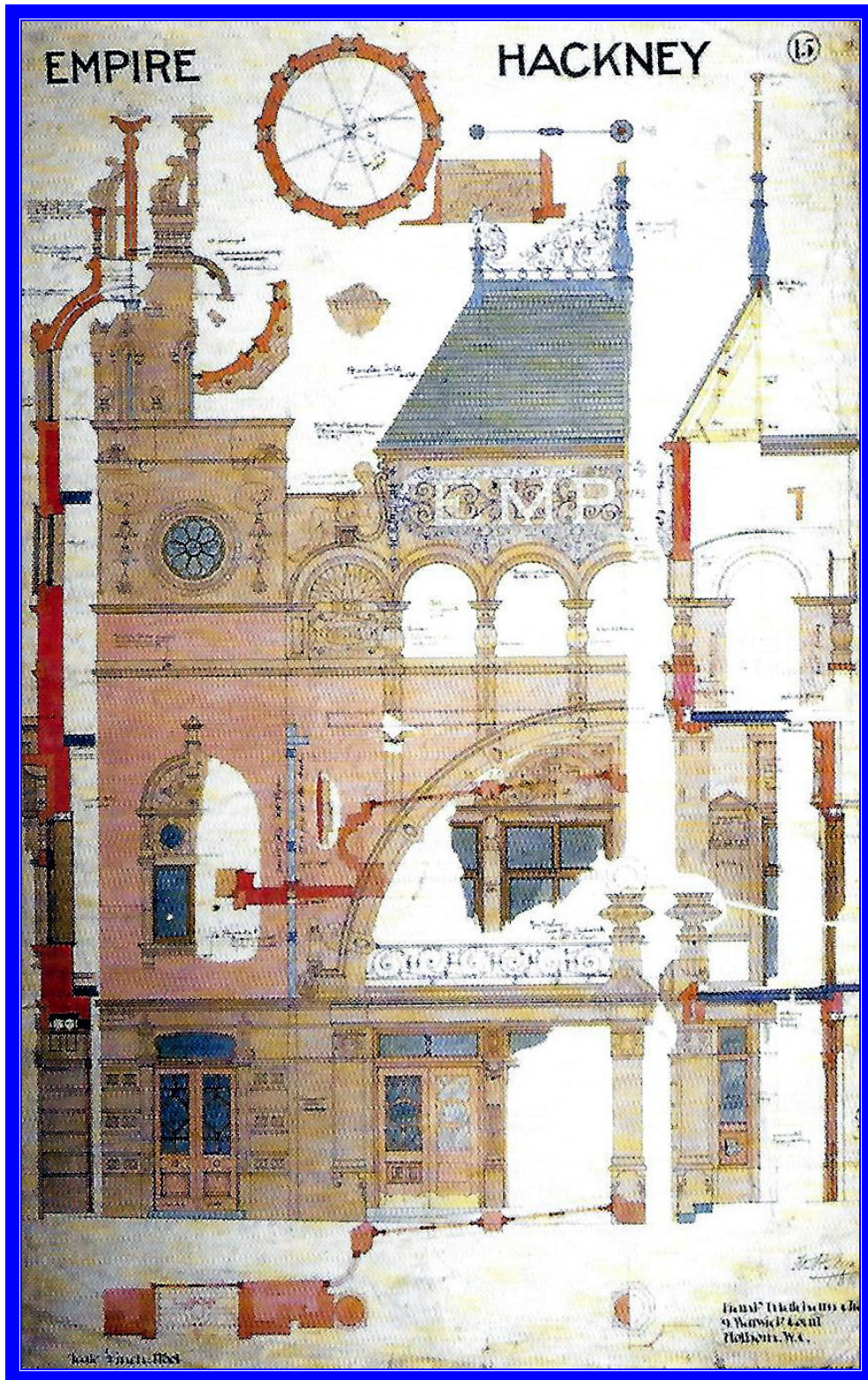
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# HACKNEY EMPIRE LONDON



Original design by Frank Matcham\* for Hackney Empire facade 1901 (V & A Picture Library)  
\* Perhaps the greatest of all theatre architects

# HACKNEY EMPIRE LONDON



*Hackney Empire, London, opened 1901 (Cinema Treasures)*



*Auditorium, the Hackney Empire*

# HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL LONDON



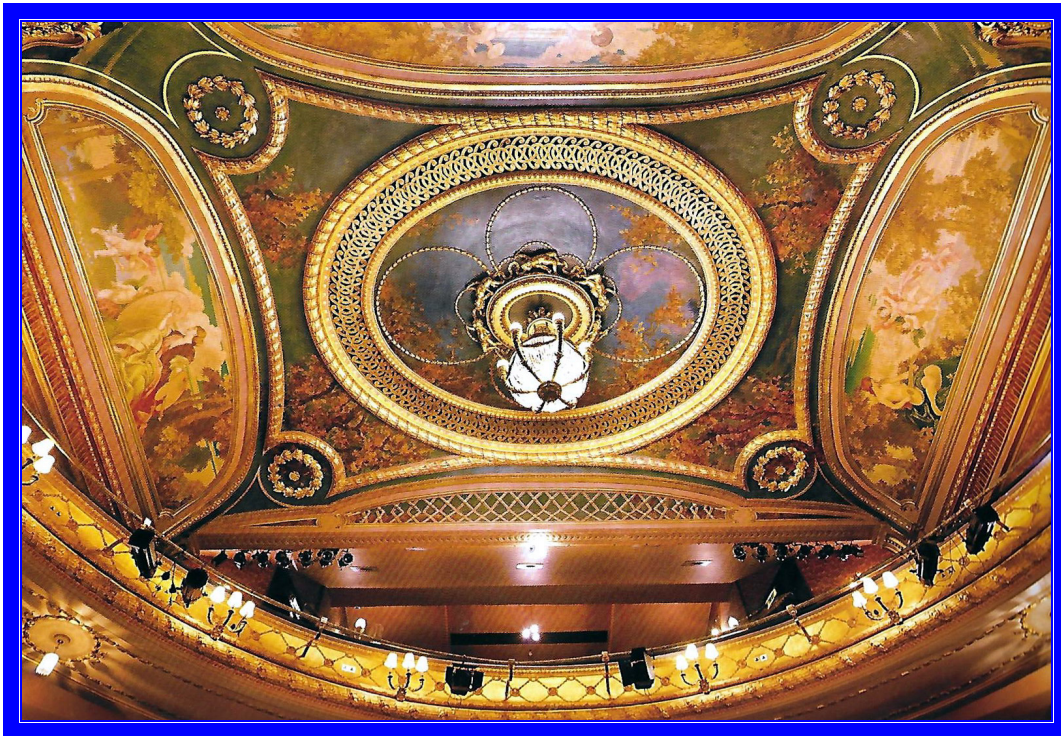
*Theatre Royal Haymarket, 2nd theatre 1821. Architect for exterior John Nash, interior reconstructed*



*Theatre Royal Haymarket (Access Entertainment)*



# HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL LONDON



*Auditorium Ceiling (London Theatres)*



*Theatre Royal Haymarket (Theatre Crafts)*

# HER MAJESTYS THEATRE LONDON



*Her Majesty's Theatre, Fourth Theatre 1897, London. Architect C J Phipps  
Known as His Majesty's 1902-52 (as in photograph)*

# HER MAJESTYS THEATRE LONDON



*Her Majesty's Theatre view from stage*



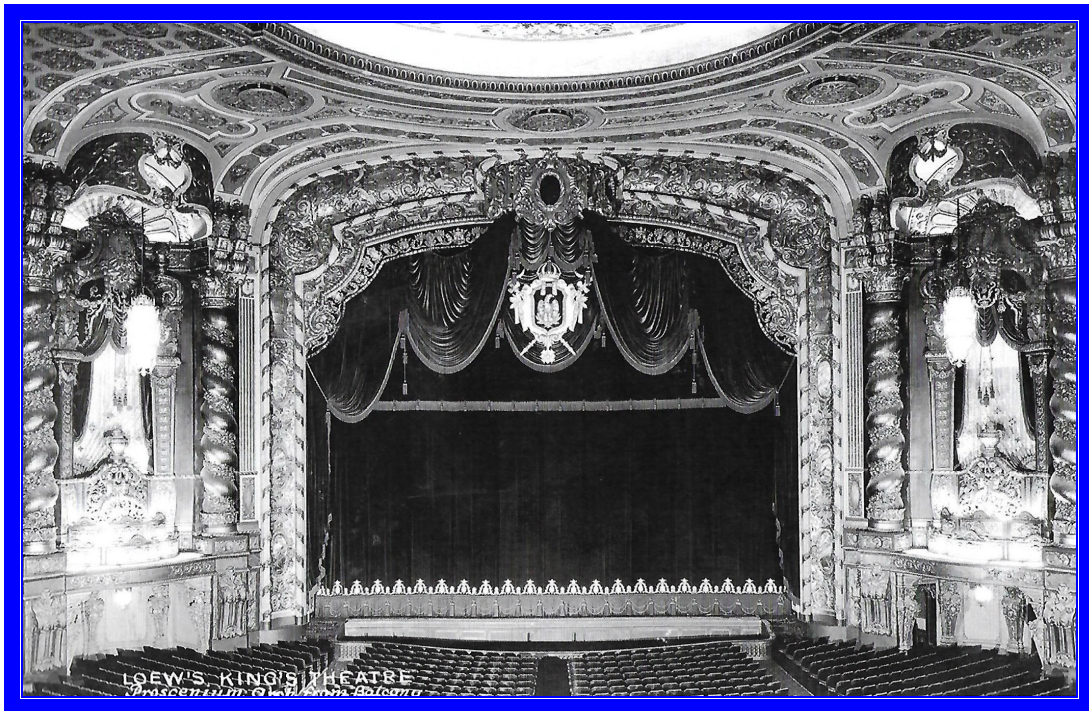
*Her Majesty's Theatre, London*

# LOEWS KINGS THEATRE NEW YORK



*Artist's impression of the Kings Theatre (originally Loew's Kings), Brooklyn, New York  
Opened 1929. Architect: Edwin "Ted" Bullock of Rapp & Rapp*

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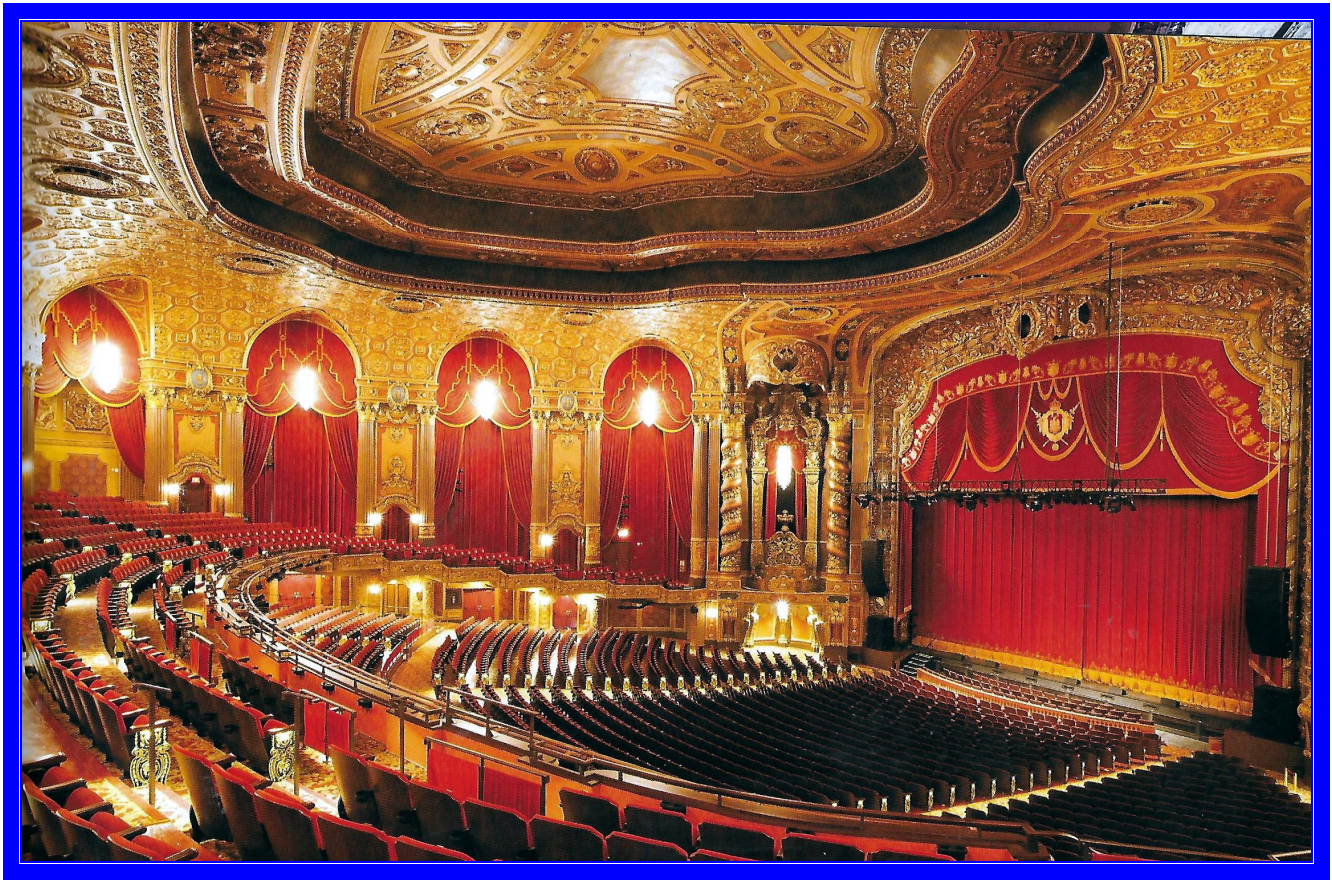


*Loew's Kings Theatre, Brooklyn view of proscenium arch (Kings Theatre)*

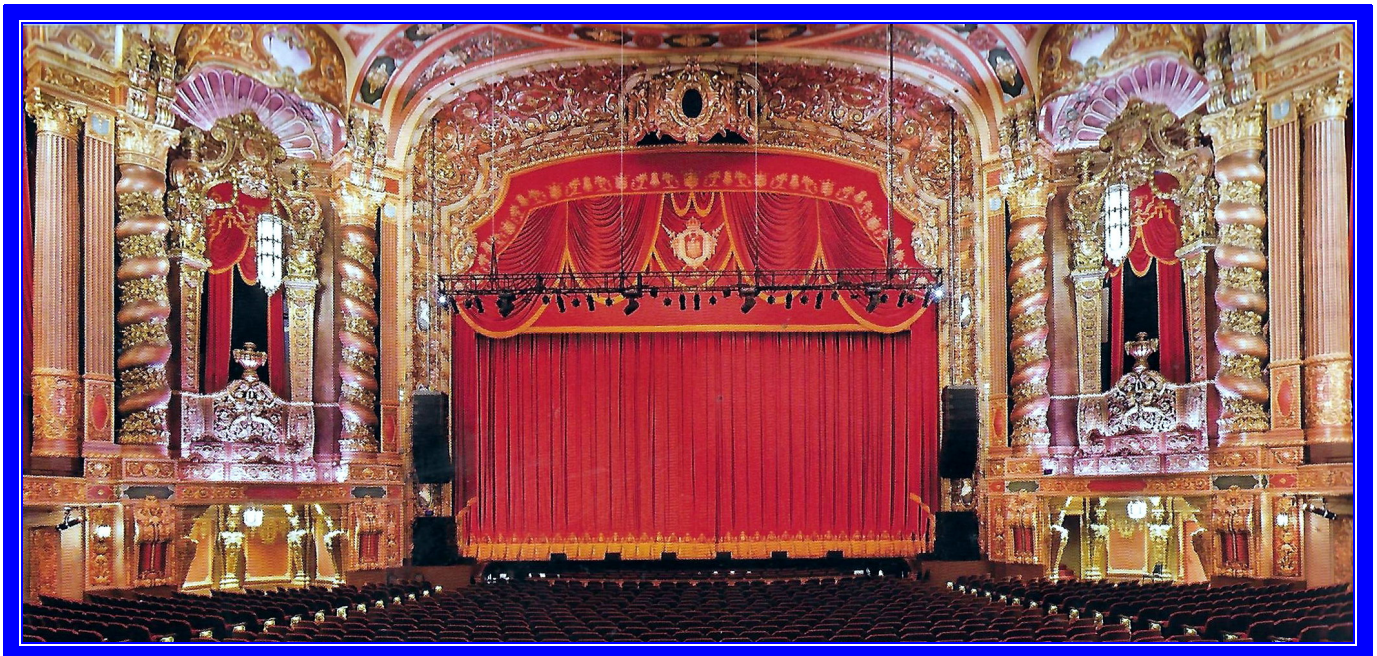


*Loew's Kings Theatre, the inner lobby (Kings Theatre)*

# LOEWS KINGS THEATRE NEW YORK



*The restored Loew's Kings Theatre (Kings Theatre)*



*Loew's Kings Theatre, the auditorium restored (Kings Theatre)*

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*Auditorium replica light fixture and plaster portrait on proscenium arch*

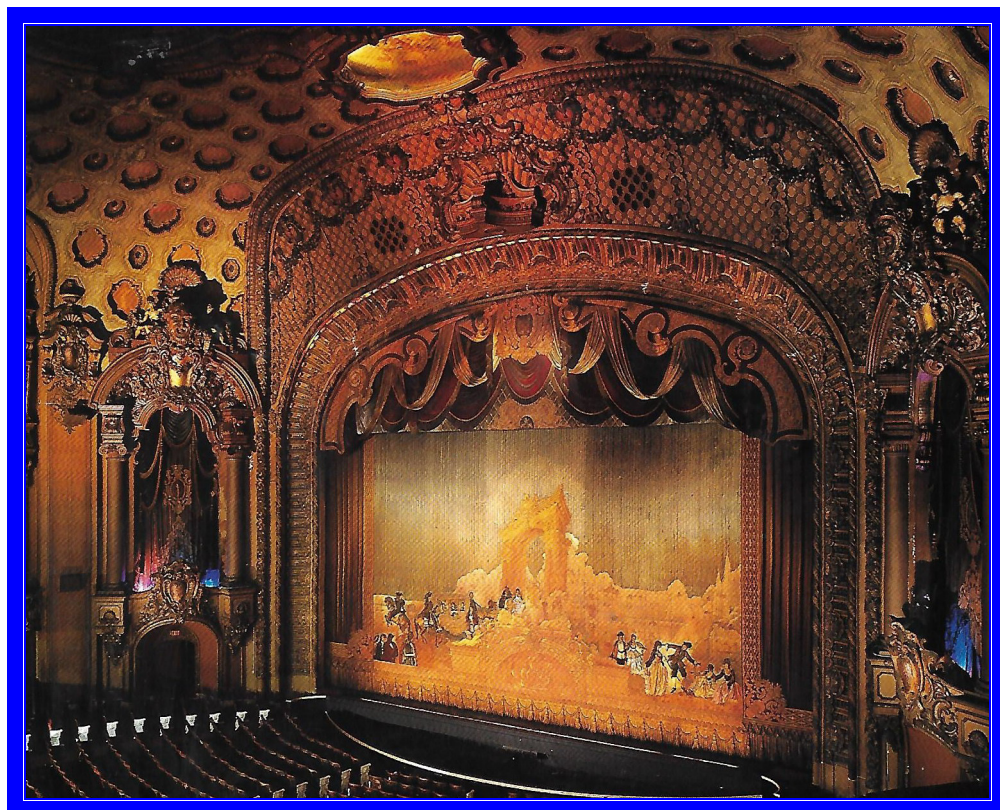


*Loew's Kings Theatre lobby and one of the restored lobby chandeliers (Kings Theatre)*

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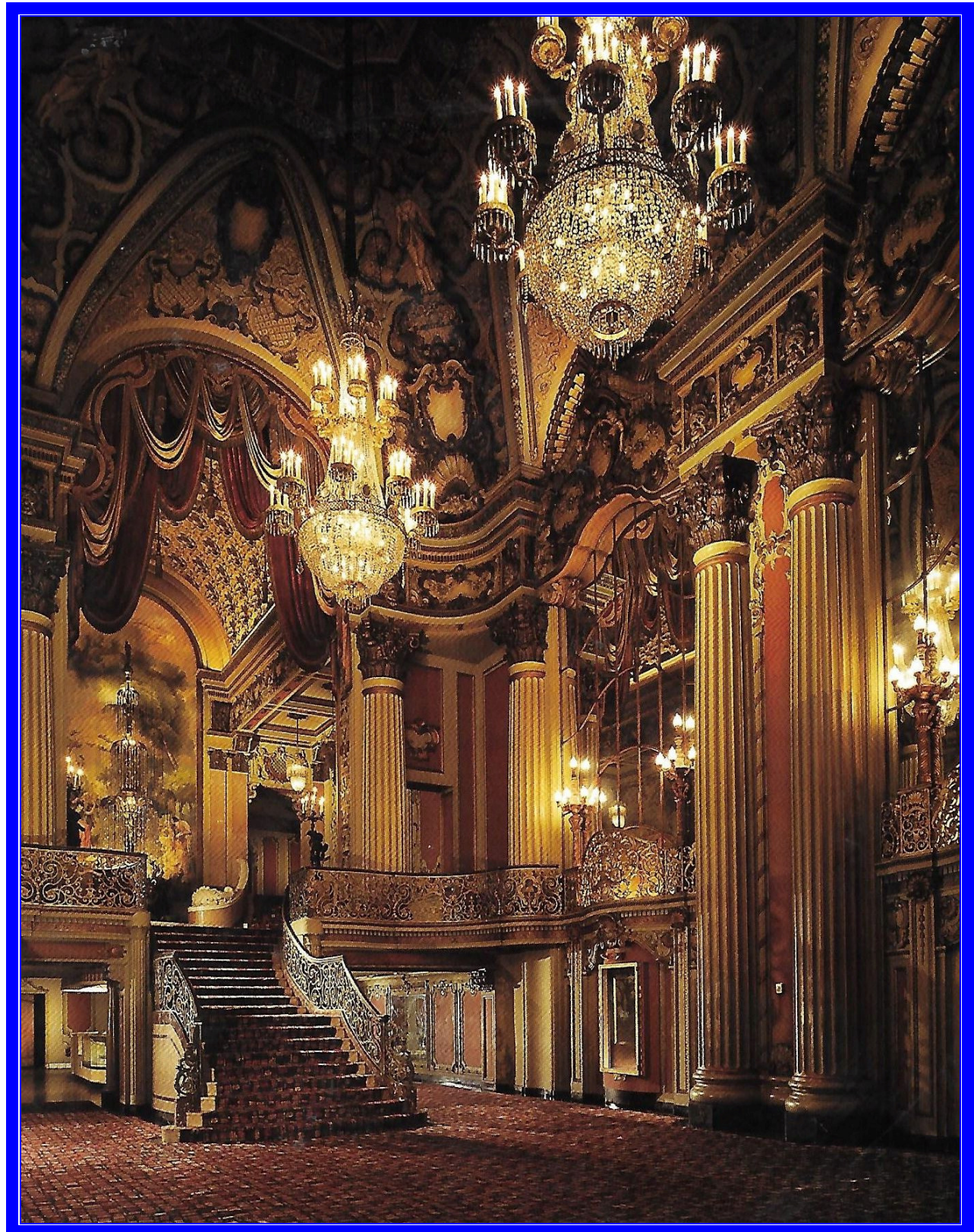
*Los Angeles Theatre 1931 (The Show Starts on the Sidewalk)  
Architect: S Charles Lee*



*Auditorium and stage Los Angeles Theatre (The Last Remaining Seats)*



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*Lobby of Los Angeles Theatre (The Last Remaining Seats)*

# METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE NEW YORK

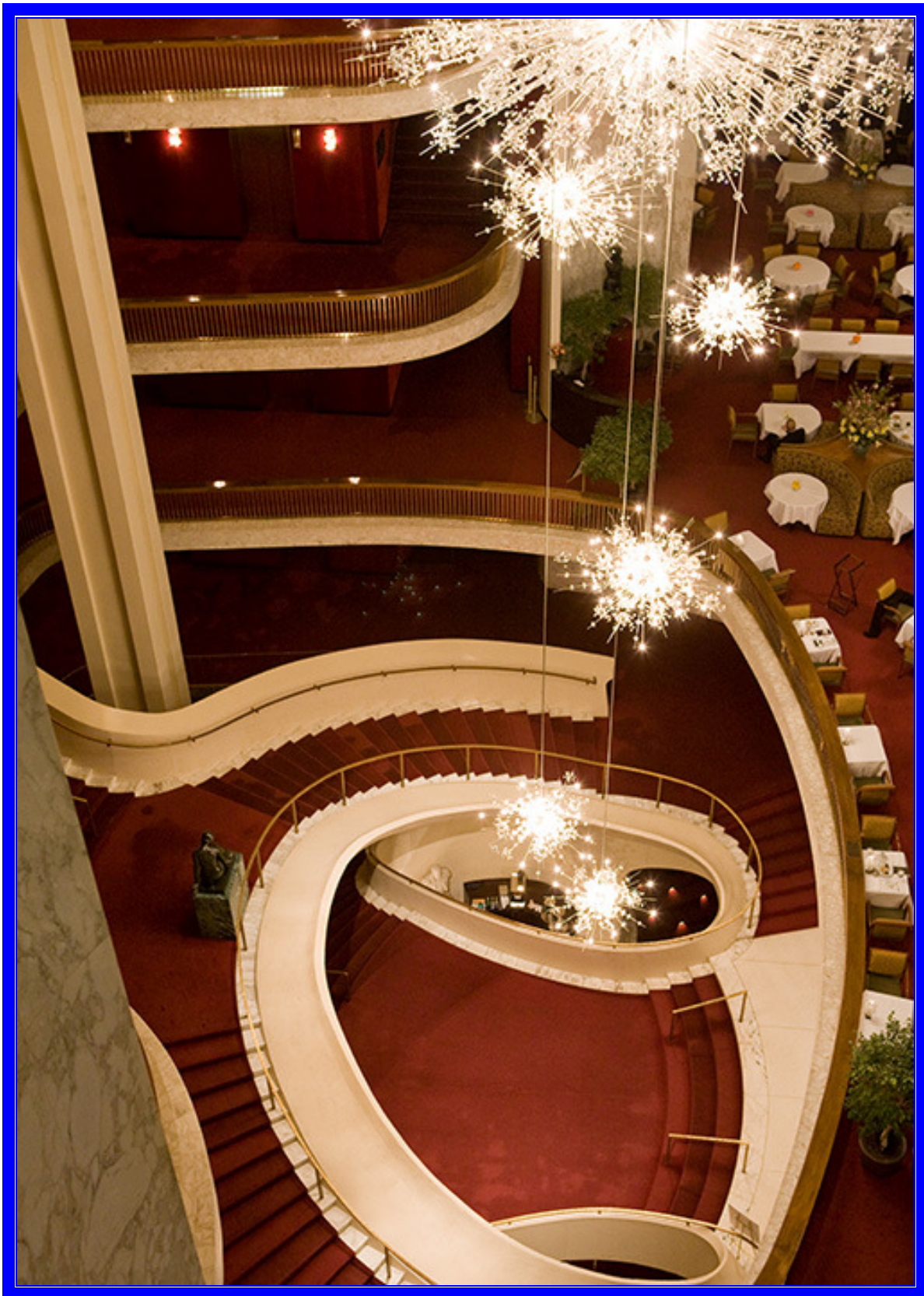


*The Old Metro, New York in 1905. Built 1883. Architect: J Cleaveland Cady*



*Concert in the Old Metro 1937*

# METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE NEW YORK



*Lincoln Centre, New York (often called the New Metro). Opened 1966. Architect: Harrison & Abramowitz*

# NEW WIMBLEDON THEATRE LONDON

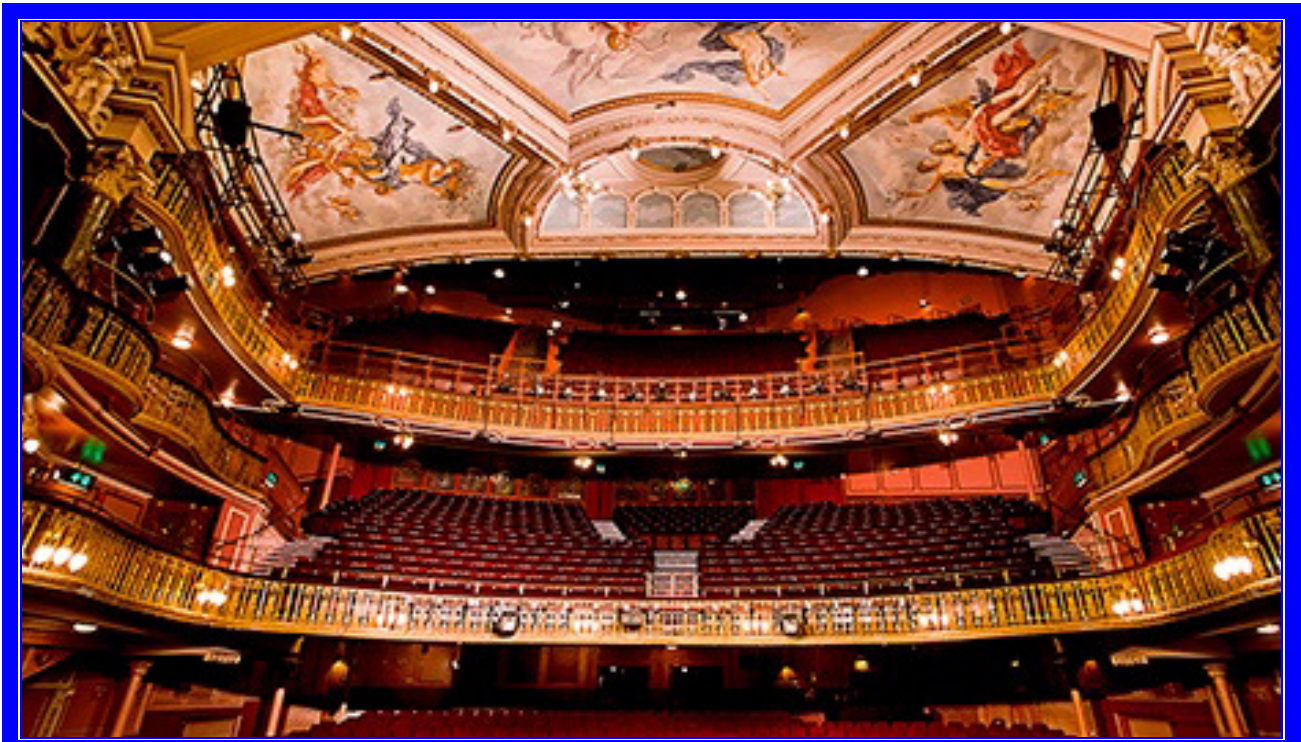


*New Wimbledon Theatre, London, the "New" added in 2004 (London Theatres)  
Designed 1910: Architect: Cecil Masey*

# NEW WIMBLEDON THEATRE LONDON



*Side view from front of auditorium*



*New Wimbledon Theatre*

# OLD VIC THEATRE LONDON



*The Old Vic, London opened as The Royal Coburg Theatre in 1818*



*The Old Vic auditorium. Remodelled 1871. Architect Jethro T Robinson*

# OLD VIC THEATRE LONDON



*Audience in the The Old Vic in 2016*

# ORPHEUM THEATRE LOS ANGELES



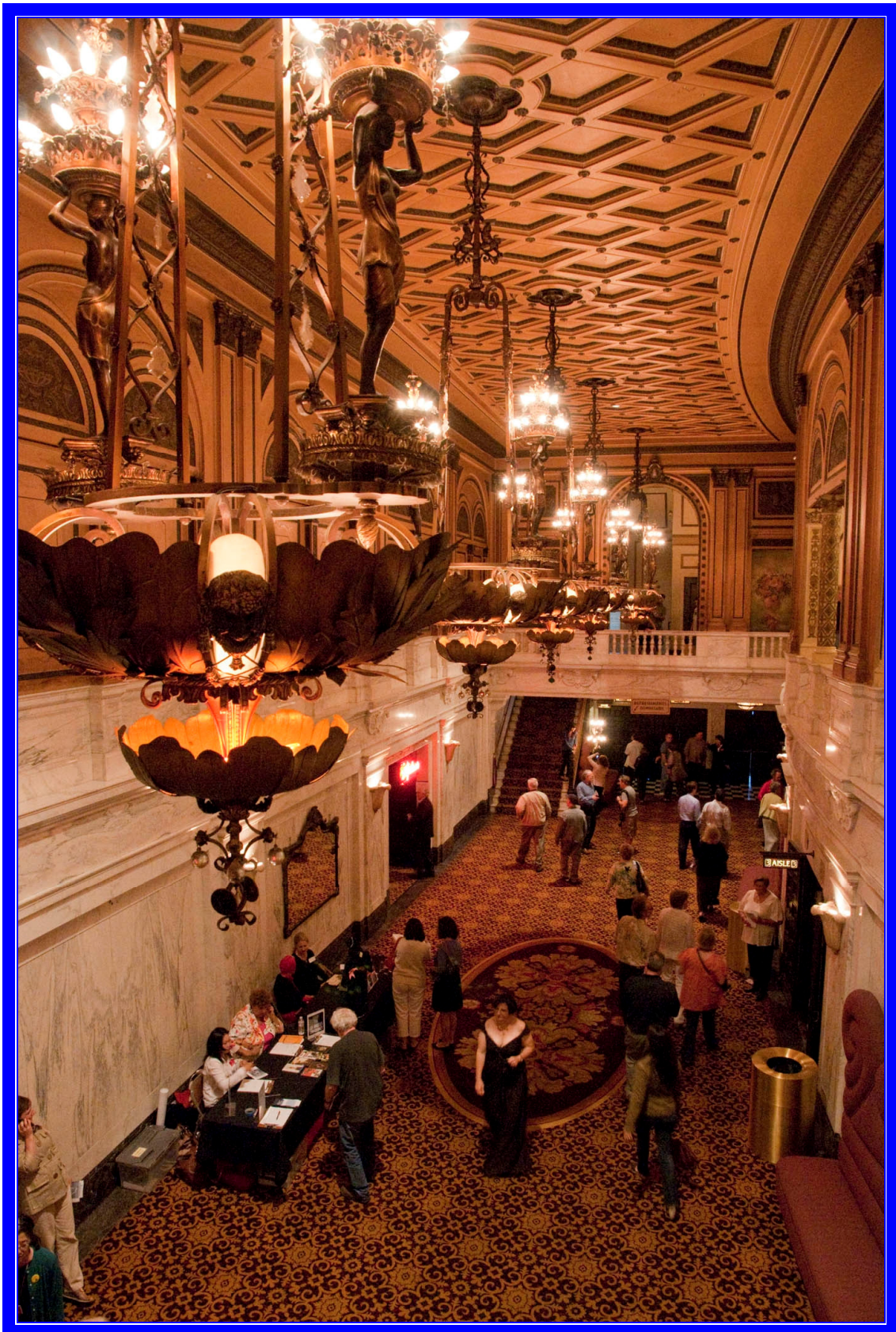
*Gala Premiere at the Orpheum Theatre, Los Angeles. Architect G Albert Lansburgh*



*Orpheum Theatre, Los Angeles, opened 1926 (Mike Hume's Historic Theatre Photographs)*



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*Lobby of Orpheum Theatre, Los Angeles.*

# PALACE THEATRE LONDON

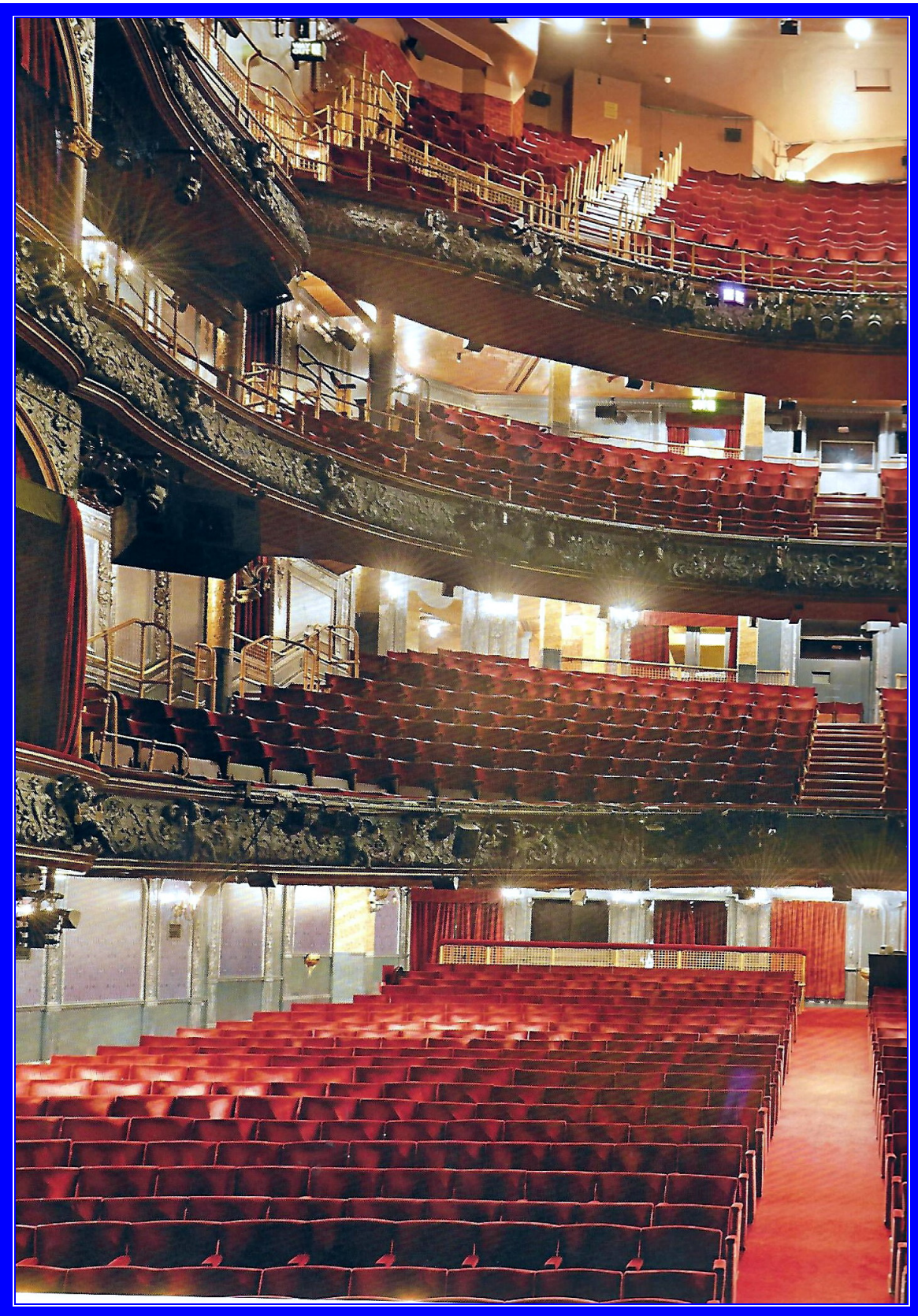


*The Palace Theatre, Cambridge Circus, London. Opened as The Royal English Opera House 1891  
Architect: Frank Matcham*



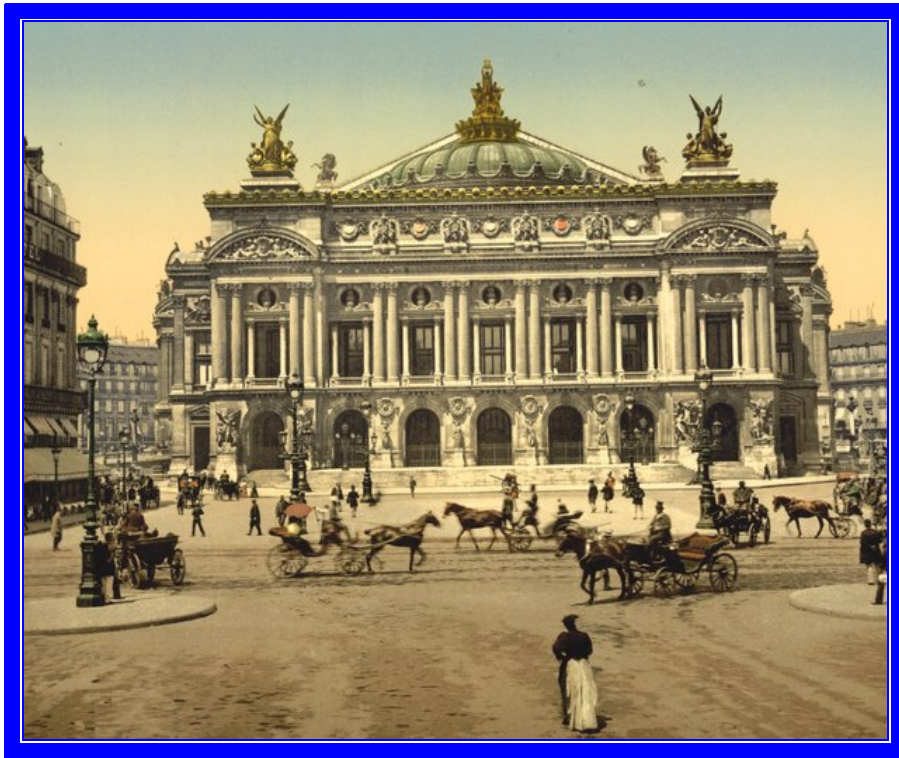
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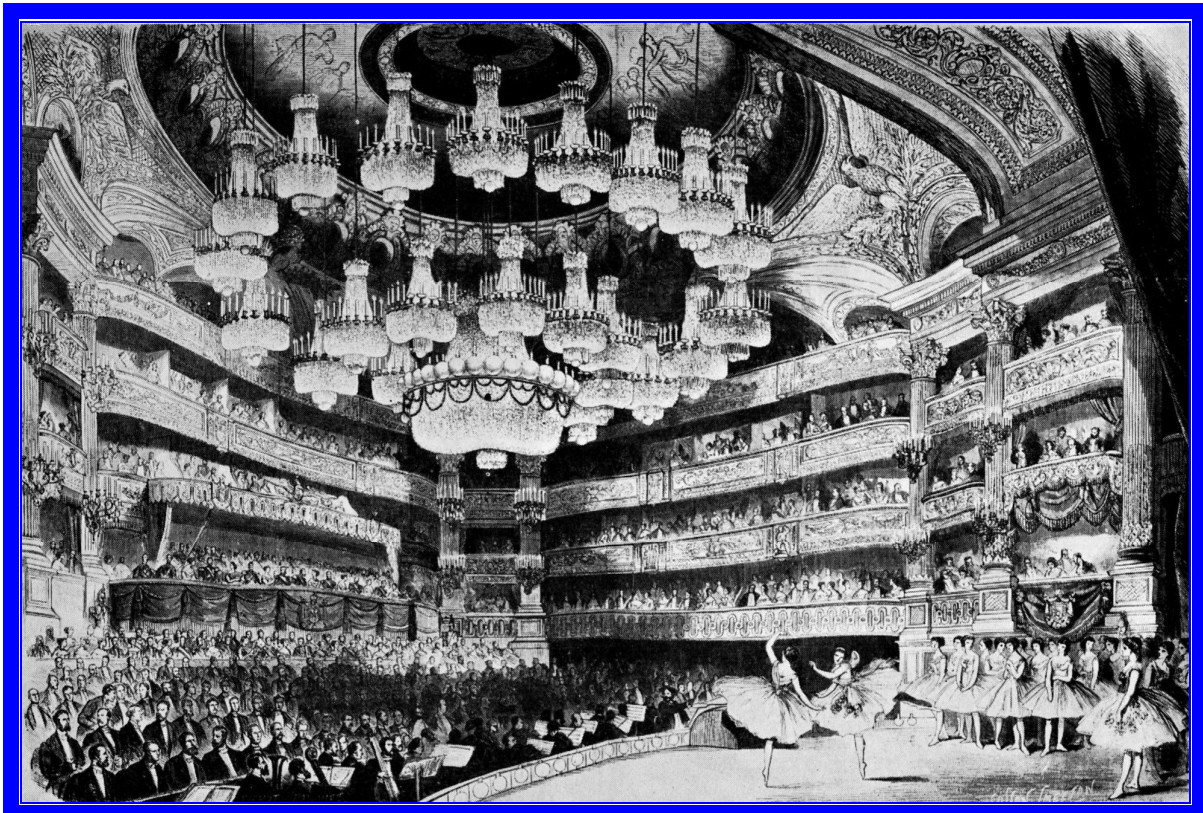


*The auditorium commissioned by Richard D'Oyly Carte as the home of English opera*

# PALAIS GARNIER- PARIS OPERA



*Palace Garnier, Place de L'Opera, Paris built 1861-75  
Architect: Charles Garnier*



*Performance of "Giselle" 1867*

# **PALAIS GARNIER- PARIS OPERA**



*Inauguration of Paris Opera*

# **PALAIS GARNIER- PARIS OPERA**



*Chandeliers in the Palais Garnier*

# PALAIS GARNIER- PARIS OPERA



*The Grand Staircase and chandeliers (Fine Art America)*

# PANTAGES THEATRE LOS ANGELES



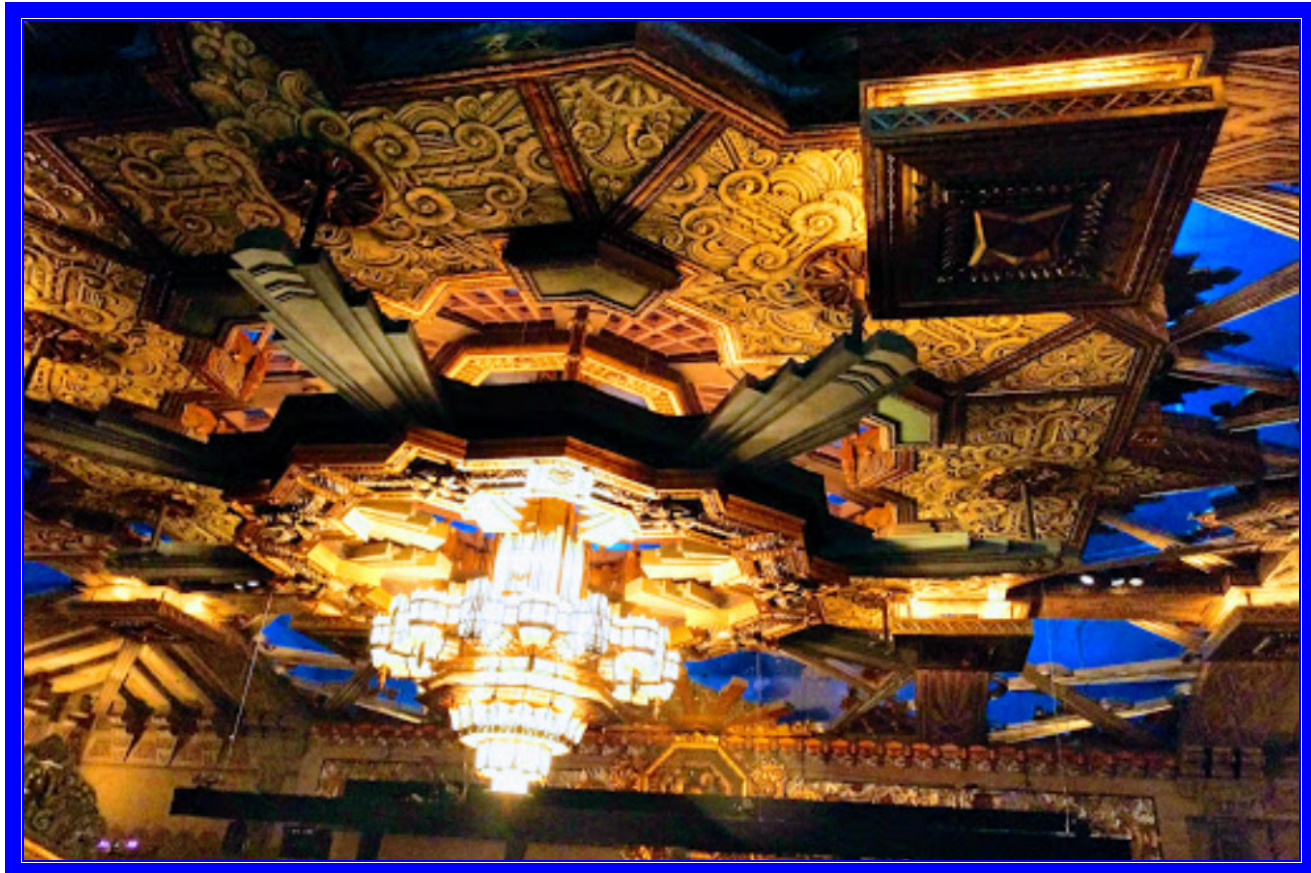
*Pantages Theatre, Las Angeles built 1930. Architect: B Marcus Priteca*



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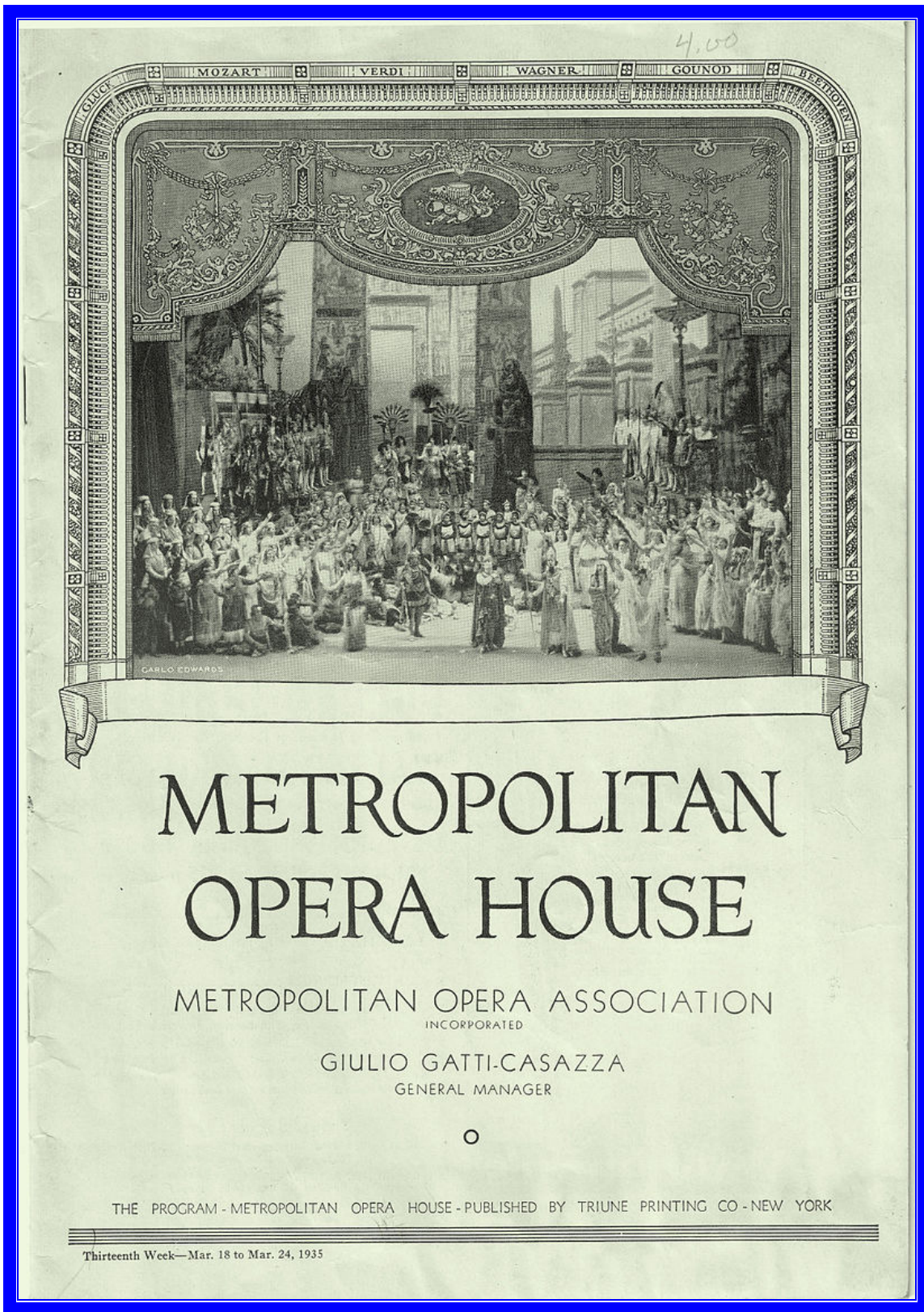
*Pantages lobby 1930 (Historic Theatre Photography)*



*Auditorium ceiling lighting Pantages*

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*Program of 1935 for the Metropolitan Opera House, New York*

*Back cover: The Grand Staircase at the Palace Garnier Opera House, Paris*

