Project Highlight

Construction Progress

After months of work on the deep foundations, the lower levels of the tower core element are emerging above the street level. We’ll see this element rise quickly. The schedule calls for a new core wall level to go up every seven to ten days.

The tower footprint occupies the former Carolina Theatre park between the theatre and North Tryon Street. Its base will house a new grand lobby for the theatre, the 100 Club, theatre support space and office space for operations. Above the theatre levels will be the 28 story Intercontinental Hotel. Overall, the tower will be 34 floors and roughly the same height as the Fifth Third tower that is across North Tryon Street.

The core is constructed of reinforced, high-strength concrete. It provides the primary structural element for the tower and houses four passenger and one service elevator.

We’re expecting the theatre core to be above level 5 in May. As the core rises, we’ll start to see steel framing for columns, beams and the floor decks.

What’s Playing?

In order to curb your boredom during our days ahead at home, we’ve curated a list of movies to watch that have played at the Carolina Theatre throughout the years.

- Scared Stiff, 1953
- Giant, 1956
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 1960
- A Breath of Scandal, 1960
- The Sound of Music, 1965
- Doctor Zhivago, 1965
- Sweet Charity, 1969
- Hello, Dolly!, 1969
- The Fist of Fury, 1978
Design Feature

Handwashing and toilet paper seem to be top of mind these days, so we thought we’d take the opportunity to fill you in on the restrooms designed for the theatre.

When the theatre opened in 1927, there were very few bathrooms. In fact, we’re not sure how the crowds were able to utilize the minimal amount of facilities without a constant line. Perhaps the willingness to patiently wait in line during movies was stronger in those days.

For the comfort of our patrons and to comply with current building codes, we are more than quadrupling the number of available toilets. Patrons will find spacious bathrooms on the basement level and on the 3rd floor, at the top of the balcony.

Guests with seats on the orchestra level will utilize the facilities in the basement level, while guests with tickets in the balcony will travel to the top to find the closest bathrooms. We hope the multi-level options will ensure that our guests won’t be waiting in long lines.

Blast From The Past: Historic Highlight

The Carolina Theatre recently celebrated a birthday!

On March 7, 1927, A Kiss in a Taxi, starring silent film actress Bebe Daniels, played to a full house on opening night of the Carolina Theatre. Described as a “frothy light affair” by the Charlotte Observer, A Kiss in a Taxi delighted the theater’s opening-night audience with its slapstick humor, romantic capers and abundance of “risqué and unusual situations.”

Daniels played the role of Ginette, a waitress working in a café in the Montmarte neighborhood of Paris, who spent her days warding off the advances of her many admirers. Ginette’s determination to thwart her suitors resulted in numerous antics, including a fiancé felled by a wayward punch and a taxi crash caused by one wooer’s strenuous efforts to gain a kiss at high speed.

We have searched for a copy of A Kiss in a Taxi to see this classic film for ourselves, but we haven’t been able find it. We have tried every avenue we can think of, but if you know any silent movie buffs that may have a copy, let us know!

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