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Victorian Heritage Database place details - 18/11/2019
Former Palace Theatre



Location:

20-30 Bourke Street, MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Extent of Registration:

Statement of Significance:

The former Palace Theatre, with an interior designed by theatre and cinema architect Henry White built in 1916 and redecorated in 1923, is significant at the Regional level for architectural and historical reasons.

Architecturally, the decoration of the remaining theatre interiors is important for the elaborate and extensive plaster decoration, executed in a lively version of the 'Adamesque' style. The shallow ceiling dome probably survives from 1916, and is executed in a more flowing, almost art Nouveau style, complete with cherubs.

The facade does not have a high level of architectural interest, except for the distinctive leadlight windows and iron balcony remaining from 1916, and the 'marquee' style verandah, with its illuminated front, and attached lettering.

Historically, the structure of the building and the balconies dating from 1916 is important as the second earliest major theatre to survive in Victoria, and the only one from the Edwardian era. It is also the only theatre to

survive on Bourke Street, once the home of entertainment in Melbourne, lined with theatres, halls, and other attractions.

Classified: 05/03/2001

Description

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	
Architect / Designer	
Architectural Style	
Heritage Act Categories	
Municipality	["MELBOURNE CITY"]
Other names	Metro Theatre
History	