

The image shows the interior of a grand, ornate theatre. The stage is at the far end, framed by a highly decorative, gilded archway. The stage itself is covered with a deep blue curtain. Above the stage, the ceiling is vaulted and features several circular medallions with classical-style paintings of figures. The walls are also decorated with intricate carvings and murals. The audience seating consists of rows of plush, reddish-brown upholstered chairs, arranged in a semi-circle facing the stage. The overall atmosphere is one of historical elegance and grandeur.

# THE COLONIAL THEATRE

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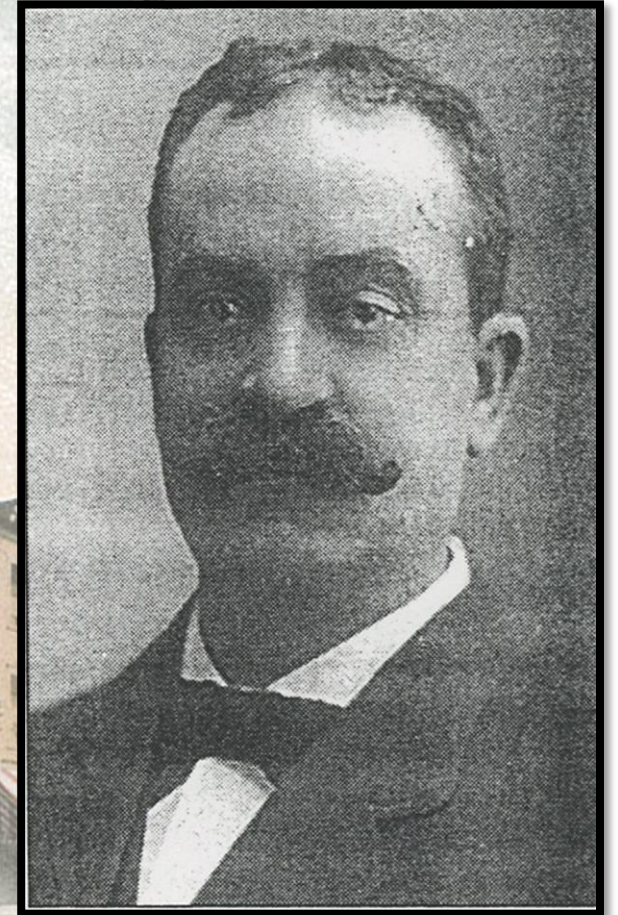


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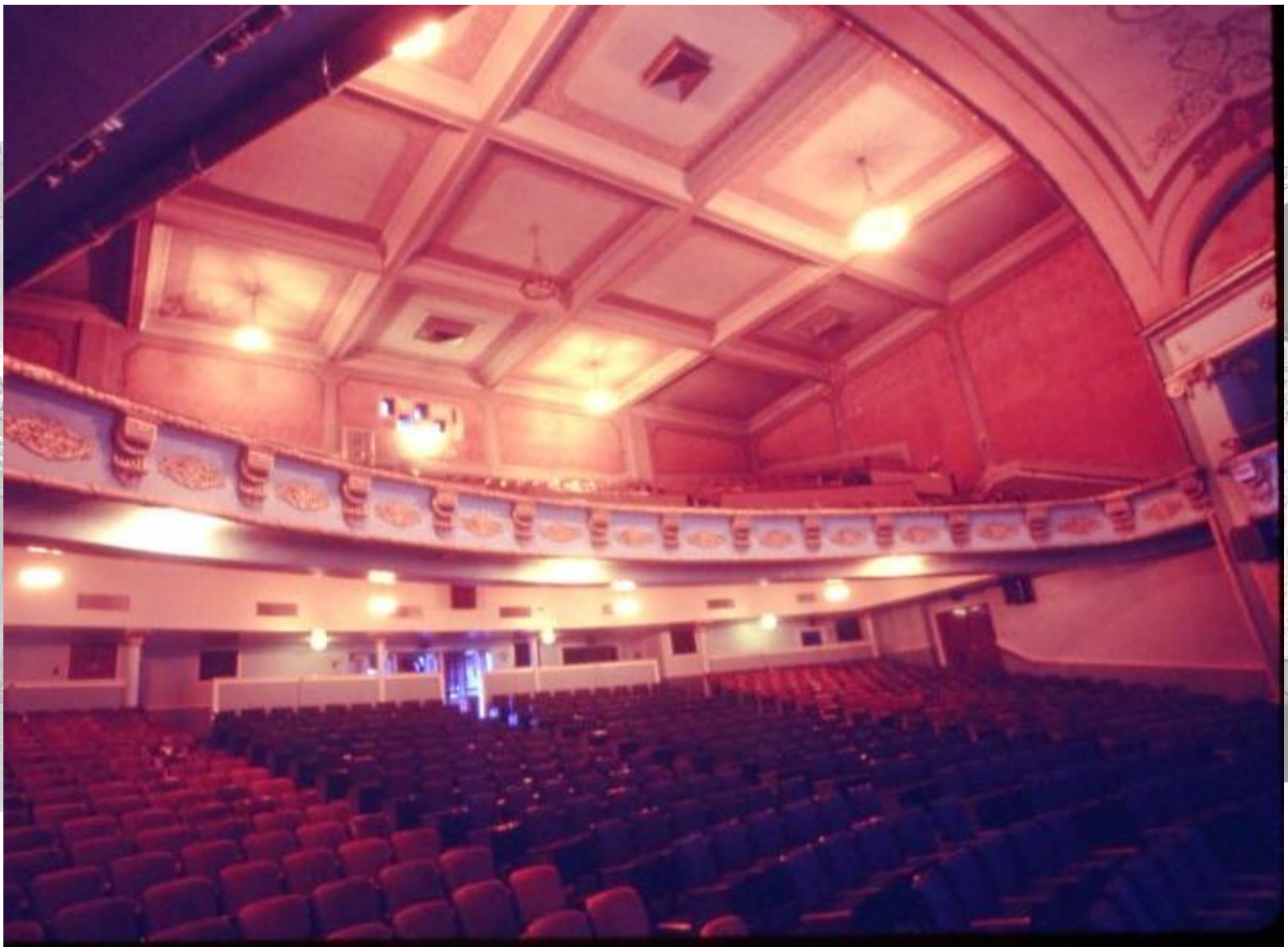
































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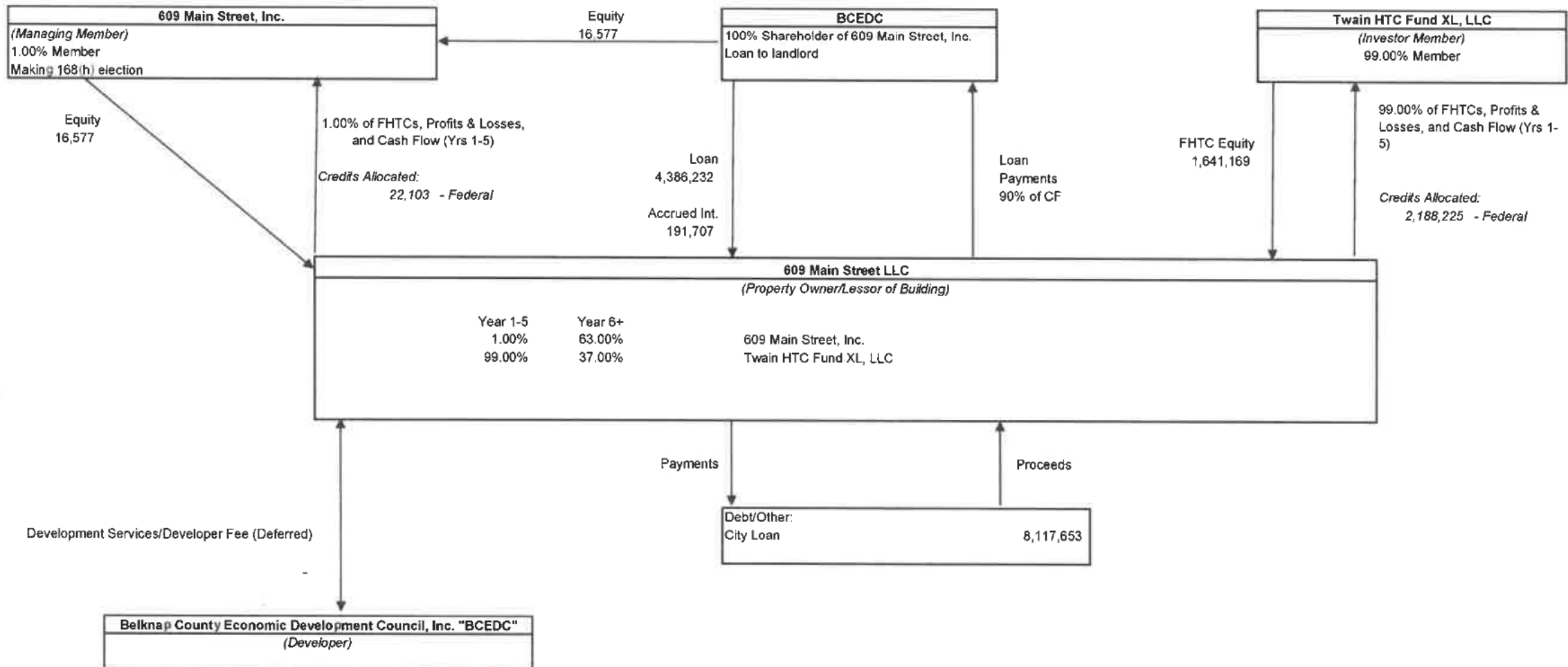




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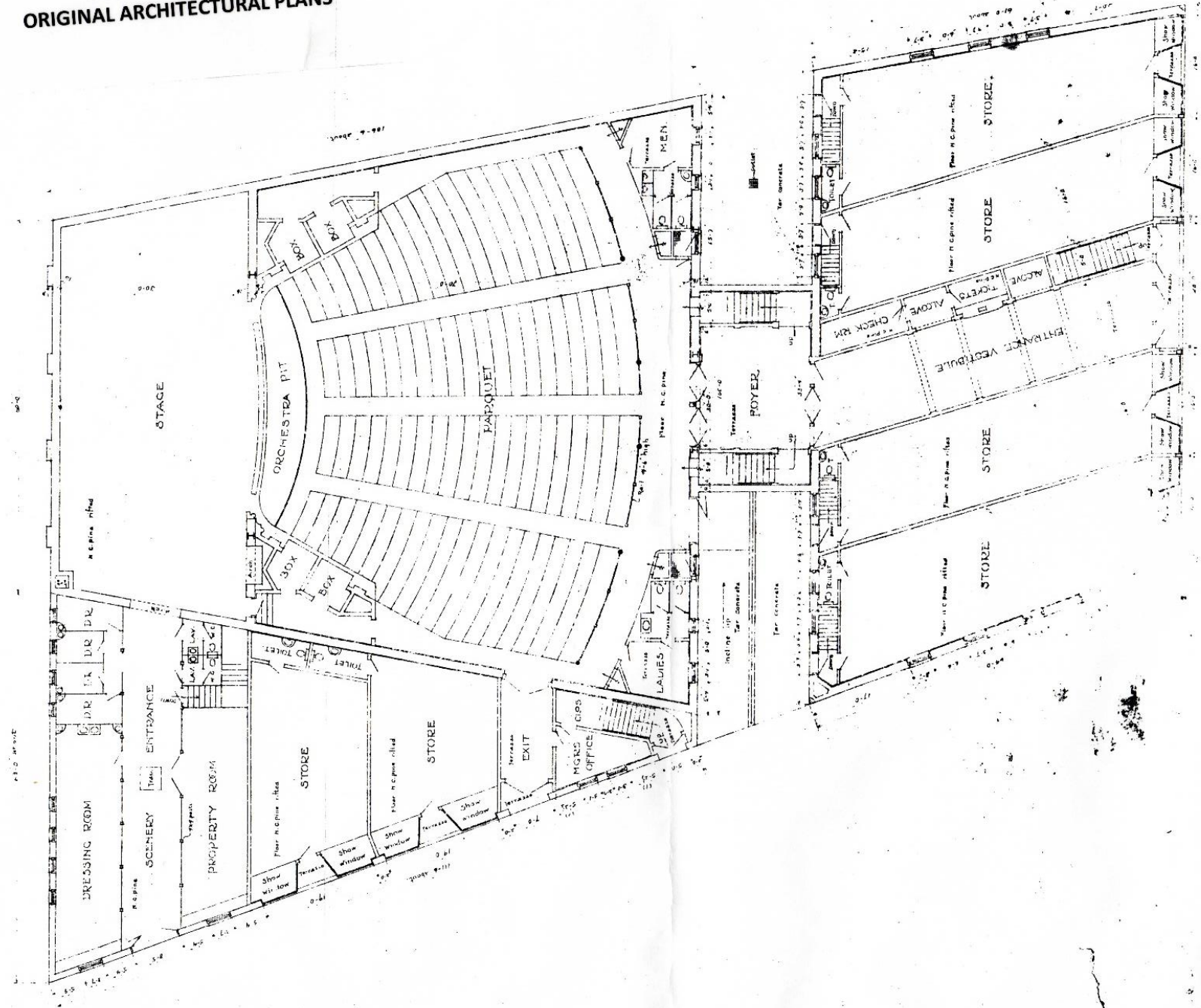




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# COLONIAL THEATRE ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL PLANS



THEATRE PLAN



# Historic Preservation Tax Incentives



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**FIVE BIG ACTS**

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**AN UP TO THE MINUTE NEWS REEL**  
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**A WHALE OF A SHOW**



**Canal Triangle**

*Back-of-House  
Performer Space*

**Theatre**

*Performance Space*

**Connection Infill**

*Existing Lobby  
Restroom Facilities  
Projection/Tech. Booth  
Elevator Core*

**Main Street Block**

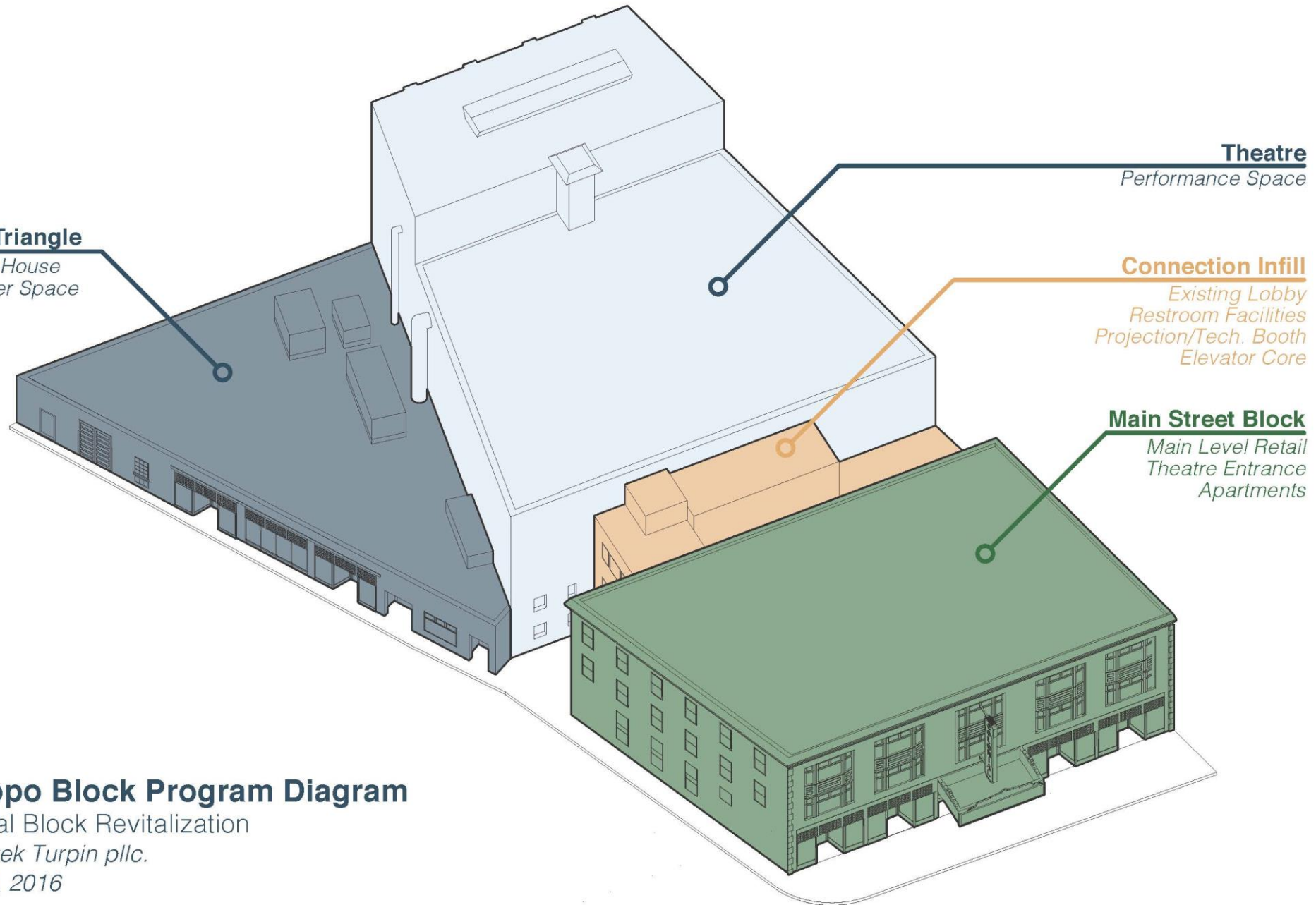
*Main Level Retail  
Theatre Entrance  
Apartments*

**Piscopo Block Program Diagram**

Colonial Block Revitalization

*Misiaszek Turpin pllc.*

*July 28, 2016*



























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A photograph of the Colonial Theatre during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The marquee displays the event details. A large crowd of people is gathered in front of the entrance. The building is a multi-story brick structure with large windows. A sign for 'CRAFT BEER' is visible on the left, and a 'CCI' logo is in a window on the upper left.

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30+ theatrical performances

25+ school district programs



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