



# Yale Theater

225-227 SOUTHWEST 25TH STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



The historic Yale Theater is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the Capitol Hill Commercial Historic District (2019). It was in use from 1921-1974 before the 2019 rehabilitation. The construction of the building began in 1920, and construction costs were reported at \$50,000. In 1941 and 1949, the theater had expanded to the rear property line of both lots it occupied. At that time, the exterior style was modified to Moderne. The building sat deteriorating for 40 years until the rehabilitation project.

It is a single-story build with a two-story height and a barrel roof. The customizable marquee and double-sided neon 'YALE' sign face south, toward the street. Two sets of doors flank a center ticket booth. The signboard out front is constructed of sheet metal, along with three vertical, concave flutes on the outermost east and west ends of the exterior. The building is constructed of brick exterior, with steel framing and a concrete floor slab. The interior is open with a mezzanine along the south where the projection booth was and the stage/screen area with curtains along the north.

As part of the rehabilitation, all the finishes, fixtures, and equipment were all repaired or updated. Guests enter through a west or east entrance with aluminum-clad wooden doors that flank a center ticket booth. The interior venue features a ground-level event floor and two additional levels, the uppermost level was the former projection mezzanine, repurposed with additional seating, the middle level encircles the ground floor with a black railing and multiple stairways. Art Deco sconces provide soft, yet useable up-lighting for the venue. The floor in the auditorium space was level at the start of the project and remains so making its new function as an event space ideal to accommodate a variety of events.

## Project Profile

**Year Built:** 1920

**Start of Rehab:** 4/16/2018

**Rehab Completion:** 12/5/2019

**Date of Certification:** 12/18/2020

**Original Use:** Movie Theater

**New Use:** Event Center

**Est. Total Project Cost:** \$2,910,000

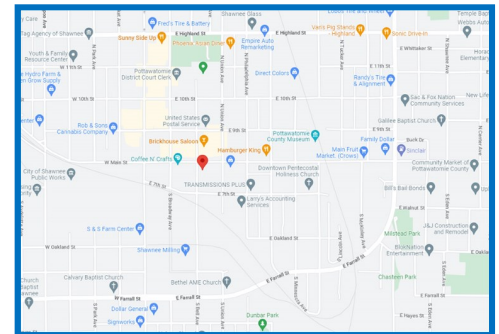
**Est. Qualified Rehab Costs:** \$2,556,999

**Est. Combined Federal/State Tax Credit (40%):** \$1,022,798

**Historic Preservation Consultant:**  
Preservation and Design Studio, PLLC

**Architectural Consultant:**  
Preservation and Design Studio, PLLC

**Property Owner/Developer:**  
Steve Mason; Mason Realty Investors, LLC



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