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Historic Huntridge Theater in Downtown Las Vegas receives Certificate of Appropriateness from City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission

LAS VEGAS – The Huntridge Theater cleared another hurdle last week as the City's Historic Preservation Commission gave the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior restorations and the addition of two structures at the historic theater located at 1208 East Charleston Blvd. in Downtown Las Vegas.

Last July, SoHo Playhouse signed the lease with Dapper Companies to be the sole operator of the Huntridge Theater and earlier this year, Gensler was selected as the architect of record for the project.

Dapper's goal is to begin renovations early next year after they receive final approvals from both the City of Las Vegas Planning Commission and Las Vegas City Council. The building's historic designation adds additional layers in the approval process.

In addition to a 700 standing room concert hall/600-seated and Off-Broadway theater in the existing building, two additional spaces will be connected to the main theatre via a new interior lobby. A 150-seat cabaret theatre will operate in a building approximately 4,000 SF with a 200-seat, approximately 3,000 SF theatre (a replicate of their NYC Flagship SoHo Playhouse) also being proposed to the existing property.

The Huntridge Theater opened in 1944 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993, the State Register of Historic Places in 1999 and the City of Las Vegas Historic Register in 2021. The shuttered performing arts center has previously rocked with performers such as The Killers, Smashing Pumpkins, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Violent Femmes and more until it closed on July 31, 2004, almost 60 years after it opened. In recent years, it has been the subject of several failed attempts to reopen or redevelop the local landmark that once hosted movies, concerts and groundbreaking performances. Dapper purchased the Huntridge Theater for \$4 million in March 2021.

The Huntridge Theater was originally operated by the Commonwealth Theater Company of Las Vegas, and in 1951 was taken over by the Huntridge Theater Company of Las Vegas, partially owned by the actresses Loretta Young and Irene Dunne. The theater was built on land which had been owned by the international business magnate Leigh S. J. Hunt, he ensuingly left it to his son Henry Leigh Hunt in 1933. The Huntridge Theater and the surrounding Huntridge subdivision are named after the Hunt family.

For additional history of the Huntridge Theater, visit <u>here</u>. For Wikipedia, visit <u>here</u>. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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