

Historic Property State Theater
Inventory Report for 204 4th Ave E. Olympia/Thurston/98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: State Theater Field Site No.: 949
Common Name: (#34-932) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 204 4th Ave E. Olympia/Thurston/98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
 T18R02W 14 TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78502300701 Lots 7 & 8 Block 23 Sylvester Plat of Olympia

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 11/1/1999 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Harlequin Productions Owner Address: 1800 Cooper Point Rd SW #8 City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98502

Classification: Building Resource Status Comments

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Recreation and Culture - Theater

Current Use: Recreation and Culture - Theater

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: Two

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	
Entertainment/Recreation	

Date Of Construction: 1950
Architect: Wohleb Architects
Builder:
Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): Yes
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance The theater was designed by Wohleb Architects for Thomas O'Leary and leased to the Evergreen Theaters Chain. It sits on the historic location of the 1900-era Thurston County Courthouse. It is currently (1999) the Harlequin Theater.

Description of Physical Appearance Two story false building with high crenellated parapet featuring geometric open work on the top section of the parapet. The facade has square incised panels with a square center section. The recessed entry is under a large marquee which has similarly designed square motifs with an interior square design. The central aluminum ticket booth has a streamlined, round design. There are four double glass entry doors. The entry is lined with beige and black marble and has a number of display panels for motion picture poster displays. There are a number of recessed round lights in the entry in a random pattern. The northwest corner has a storefront with glass display windows and corner entry.

Major Bibliographic References Records from the University of Washington Special Collections Wohleb drawings.

PHOTOS



View of Front Façade
taken
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments: