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Colony Theatre Photograph Collection

An inventory of the Colony Theatre Photograph Collection at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

Repository:	DCPL Special Collections - MLK Library
Creator:	Figall, Frederick
Title:	Colony Theatre Photograph Collection
ID:	P020
Date [inclusive]:	1988
Physical Description:	1 Boxes
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

Designed by John J. Zink, the Colony Theatre opened in 1926 in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C. In the 1940s and 1950s the single screen theatre was operated by Warner Brothers studio. In the mid-1970s the theatre housed the DC Black Repertory Theatre Company. After the company folded in the late 1970s the building remained vacant for more than a decade. In 1987 a group attempted to convert the theatre into apartments, however several setbacks delayed the opening until 1995. The images in this collection are from the period in the 1980s when the theatre was vacant. Frederick Figall was a photographer with the D.C. Land Redevelopment Agency.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 16 8x10 inch black and white images shot by Frederick Figall. The images are of the exterior and interior of the Colony Theatre, which was located 4921 Georgia Avenue NW in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

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Arrangement

Processed at an item level without series.

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

There is no deed of gift and it is uncertain as to how the library acquired these photographs. A hand written note on a paper entitled "Evaluation of the Colony House Theater" by Betty Bird indicates that it was received on April 29, 1988.

Processing Information

The images were removed from their original housing. Each image was assigned a number and placed in an individual polypropylene sleeve. The images were then placed in an acid-free folder and stored in an archival storage box for long-term storage.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographs
- Performing Arts
- Theatres
- Motion picture theaters

Collection Inventory

Series 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Exterior, corner of Georgia Avenue and Emerson Street, undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Exterior, Georgia Avenue side, undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Exterior, Emerson Street side, undated	Box 1	Folder 3
Exterior, rear of theatre, undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Interior, lobby of theatre, undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Interior, lobby of theatre showing ceiling and chandeliers, undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Interior, lobby of theatre showing doors to street, undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Interior, seats and stage, undated	Box 1	Folder 8
Interior, seats and stage, undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Interior, view of seats taken from the stage, undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Interior, view of ceiling partially collapsed, undated	Box 1	Folder 11
Interior, hallway with peeling paint, undated	Box 1	Folder 12
Interior, kitchen, undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Interior, bathtub, sink and open window, undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Interior, room with mural on the wall, undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Interior, third floor hallway with doors, undated	Box 1	Folder 16

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