

Takoma Theatre to Finish Renovations by End of Year

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Still no certainty as to how the space will be used due to a lack of tenants

By the fourth quarter of this year, the historic Takoma Theatre will be completely renovated. Already, the interior of the building has been demolished with the restoration expected to begin in late spring.

During the renovation process, the facade and storefronts will be repaired, and windows will be added along every side of the building. The historic roof sign and marquee will be restored. Skylights will also be added.

The owner of the project Rock Creek Property Group, LLC plans on converting the building for commercial use, but is uncertain as to whether or not it will be used for retail, offices, a restaurant, or the arts. What is envisioned is one or two tenants on first floor, and one on the second floor of the development.

The building is located at 6833 4th Street NW. Opened in July 1923, the theatre was one of the first designed by architect John Jacob Zink, who later went on to design Washington, D.C.'s Uptown Theatre. The movie theatre didn't close down until 1980. By 1983, the theatre was turned into a venue for live performances. The theatre became vacant in late 2005 after the non-profit organization Takoma Theatre Arts Project's lease ended.

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