

Message of Support from ABTT Historical Research Committee



From: Roger Fox <Rogerfox@abtt.org.uk>
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Subject: Streatham Hill

The Historical Research Committee of The Association of British Theatre Technicians have been enthusiastic supporters of the project to re-open this theatre since it became a faint possibility two years ago. The last building by renowned architect William Sprague was always going to be interesting and so it proved. Its construction at the end of the 1920s marked the crossover of stage technology from wooden machinery from the early 20th century to new systems like the counterweighted flying installation. Curiously both can be seen here. The influence of American cinemas is evident in the orchestra pit lifts and the stage level operation of the flying system.

My Committee supports your efforts to re-purpose this theatre for the 21st century. We have photographed the building and have published two articles about the theatre in our quarterly journal "Sightline", all of which emphasises our enthusiasm for The Friends' campaign.

Good luck

Kind regards

Roger Fox

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ABTT Historical Research Committee

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