

*There is a ‘**sleeping beauty**’ at risk in Streatham. A unique gem, a lavish Grade 2 listed theatre, built in the late 1920s for an audience of over 2500 with a stage large enough to take the very biggest shows.*

*The Friends aim to save and reawaken her for the benefit of the community! It would be a ‘**quick win**’ to bring this gorgeous theatre back to life.*

Streatham has a long history in entertainment and was known as “*the West End of south London*” - and due to the wealth of talent living in the area - as “*The Beverly Hills of London*”. Arts and cultural activity of all kinds continues here today.

Streatham Hill Theatre (SHT) was opened in 1929 as the Streatham Hill Playhouse. It was bombed in WW2 but was rebuilt and reopened in 1950. It closed to theatre in 1962, becoming a bingo hall. Much of the original theatre and its equipment remain. Small scale theatre returned via Streatham Theatre Company from 2013 to 2016. Bingo ceased in 2017

The theatre was granted a **Grade 2 listing** in 1994 as “*an unusually lavish example of a theatre built in the short-lived revival of building in 1929-30; as a suburban example of this date the building may be unique*”.



In 2018 the theatre was added to the **Theatres Trust's Theatres at Risk** register. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity – and maybe the very last chance – to revive the Streatham Hill Theatre for the benefit of the community.

Also in 2018, Lambeth Council approved our nomination of Streatham Hill Theatre as an **Asset of Community Value** (ACV), confirmed in early 2019 after a review requested by the owners. This gives the community a chance to acquire the property should the owners want to sell.

The Friends of Streatham Hill Theatre would like to see the theatre returned to arts, culture and performance use to further the social well-being and social interest of the community. The building would make a great hub for Streatham's art and cultural community and a base for developing artists and organisations. Where people can participate, meet and network...

If you would like to support this aim, please [sign up to our list](#) which will serve as our membership list and as a petition calling for our objectives to be addressed by all relevant parties. Please also follow us on social media and ask your friends to do the same.