

# Save Streatham Hill Theatre Join the flash mob photo

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 3pm



Photo will be taken at 3.15pm

**SPREAD THE WORD**, bring family & friends  
110 Streatham Hill SW2 4RD (old Bingo Hall)

# STREATHAM HILL THEATRE FAQs

## What is Streatham Hill Theatre?

It's a grand-scale theatre, built in the late 1920s as part of the new developments which made Streatham the 'West End of South London'. It staged theatre, variety, ballet, opera, pantomimes etc. right up to 1962, when it re-opened as a Mecca bingo.

In recent years the owners Beacon Bingo let community groups such as Streatham Festival, Streatham Film Festival and Streatham Theatre stage events in the building.

Bingo continued right up until January 2017 when it closed, leaving it as a slot machine operation, and no longer available to the community.

## Why does it need saving?

As well as being a beautiful and significant building it is the last of the large venues remaining in Streatham Hill – Caesars (originally Locarno Ballroom) and the Megabowl (Gaumont Cinema) have gone. There is nowhere comparable in size or with such facilities as this theatre.

The building has retained much of its original grandeur and is Grade 2 Listed. It has also been granted Asset of Community Value (ACV) status by Lambeth. This means that should the owners wish to sell the community has an opportunity to buy. The owners are appealing ACV status and the Friends are concerned the building may be lost to development or abandonment.

## What could it become?

But just saving a building is not enough, it needs to have a new purpose. The Friends would like to see the building return to an arts, cultural or performance use for the benefit of the community. This could be through a suitable organisation taking over, or by the community taking the building on itself - as a centre or hub with co-working, studios, rehearsal and performance spaces, hosting events and activities for the community.

## How can I help?

We want to show the level of community support for saving the building. You can join the Friends through our website (its free), follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and encourage your friends to do the same.

**AND COME ALONG TO OUR FLASH MOB PHOTO CALL  
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[StreathamHillTheatre.org](http://StreathamHillTheatre.org)

