

## THE QUEEN'S NEW LIFE

### **Phase One- Purchase**

In 2010, the Downtown Bryan Association purchased the Queen Theatre with the objective to rebuild the historic theatre into a multi-purpose events venue. The Queen was purchased in June, 2010 for \$185,000, with a down payment of \$75,000. The balance of \$110,000 was financed and the current balance as of December 1, 2013 is approximately \$70,000.

### **Phase Two- Facade Restoration**

DBA members and community volunteers provided much of the labor required to restore the exterior. Additionally, about \$100,000 has been raised from donors in the community, and the City of Bryan contributed \$85,000 to the project through the downtown facade grant program. Ultimately, \$30,000 was borrowed to complete the painting of the side and back wall and to finish the roof replacement. The DBA currently pays only the interest on this note, with the principal amount still owed.

### **Phase Three- Interior Construction**

The Queen's interior has been completely gutted. Architectural plans have been completed for finishing out the interior. The estimated cost of finishing out the interior is \$925,000. We are now undertaking fundraising for the Queen's completion as a multi-purpose events venue. Monetary donations and in-kind donations of materials and labor are needed to complete the project. We appreciate your past support and hope you will be a participant in finishing the restoration of this iconic downtown building.

The Queen is owned and will be managed by the Downtown Bryan Association, a 501(c3) non-profit corporation. All donations are deductible according to IRS rules.



## **Dedication Ceremony**

The Queen Theatre

*Texas State Historic Marker*

*10:00 AM*

*Thursday, November 21, 2013*



## THE QUEEN THEATRE

A MOVIE THEATRE HAS BEEN AT THIS LOCATION SINCE 1913 AND NAMED "THE QUEEN" SINCE 1914. IT WAS ORIGINALLY LOCATED IN THE THREE-STORY STODDARD HOTEL BUILT HERE IN 1889. THE SCHULMAN FAMILY PURCHASED THE THEATRE BUSINESS IN 1926 AND THE BUILDING IN 1938. IT WAS REPLACED BY A MODERN STRUCTURE WITH STEEL FRAMEWORK, AIR CONDITIONING AND INDIRECT LIGHTING DESIGNED BY PETTIGREW AND WORLEY OF DALLAS. THE TALL, WHITE FACADE WAS TOPPED WITH A REVOLVING, NEON-LIT CROWN. IT REOPENED ON NOV. 21, 1939 AND CONTINUED FOR OVER 30 YEARS. VACANT AND IN DISREPAIR, THE BUILDING WAS PURCHASED BY THE DOWNTOWN BRYAN ASSOCIATION IN 2010 AND RESTORATION BEGAN. THE QUEEN IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF STREAMLINE MODERNE ARCHITECTURE ON MAIN STREET.

*Inscription on The Queen Theatre  
Dedicated November 21, 2013*

**Welcome and  
Introduction of Guests**  
*Henry Mayo, Chairman  
Brazos County Historical Commission*



**Invocation**  
*Rev. Daryl Hay  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*



**Queen Theatre History**  
*Henry Mayo, Chairman  
Brazos County Historical Commission*



**Presentation of Marker**  
*Ben Hardeman, Chairman  
Downtown Bryan Association*



**Benediction**  
*Rev. Daryl Hay*