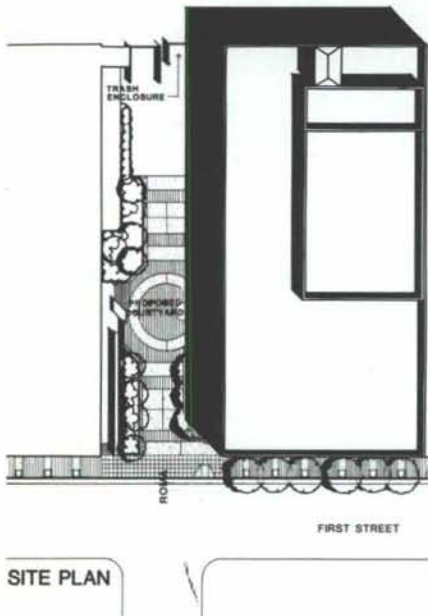


Honor Award
Boehning, Protz, Cook &
Associates, P.A.

Rehabilitation
Wool Warehouse Theatre and Restaurant
Albuquerque, New Mexico



The original Wool Warehouse was built in 1929 and was used for the storage and sales of wool hides. Prior to being transformed into a theatre and restaurant, it was used by the City of Albuquerque for the storage of records. The renovation brings the first private entertainment facility to downtown Albuquerque since the early 1970's.

In order to accommodate the theatre, a substantial portion of the roof structure was removed. This allowed a full height proscenium opening with a fly loft to be constructed. It also allowed the addition of stepped seating platforms which accommodate 425 people. Careful attention was given to sight lines while still providing circulation space for dining. The stage area is designed to offer complete theatrical flexibility.

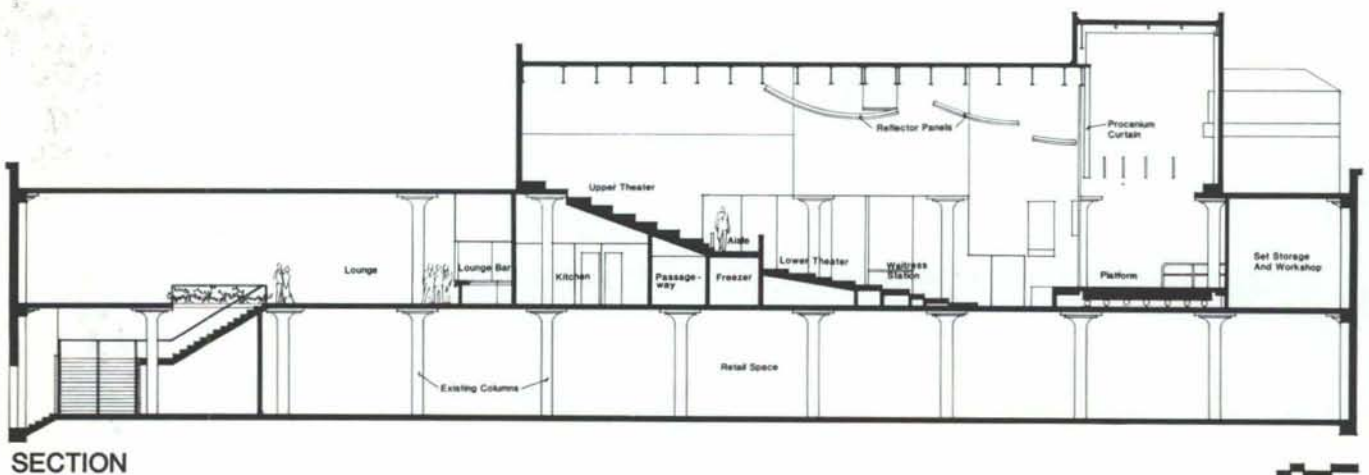
The kitchen is located so that it serves both the theatre and restaurant with little distraction to either. Elevators provide handicapped access to the theatre and restaurant and also provides service to the kitchen. A ground floor vestibule and lobby directs patrons past the administrative/ticket area and up the main stairway to the theatre and restaurant. There is a large second floor lobby and art gallery for theatre patrons.

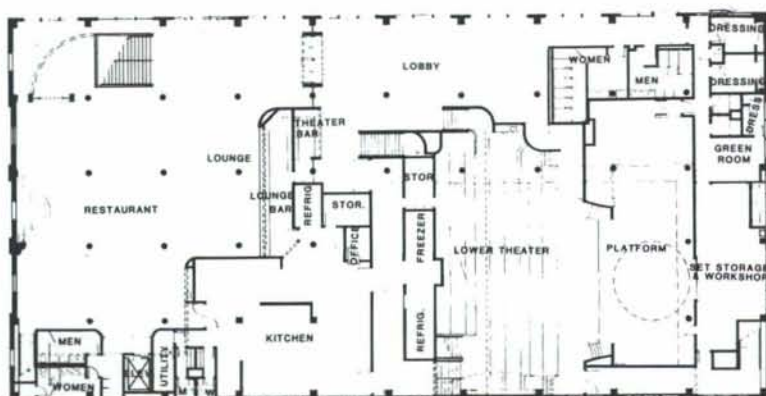
Considerable effort was made to deal with the acoustical problems associated with the theatre. Especially those problems brought about by the close proximity to the railroad tracks, the kitchen, and the restaurant. The backstage area provides a sound barrier between the stage and railroad tracks. The walls around the stage and auditorium are designed to keep stray noise and light from the kitchen area out while reinforcing the actor's voices without electronic amplification.

The interior motif reflects an art decor adaptation of Egyptian like columns with flared capitals. The motif is reflected in the carpet, ticket windows, bar mirror, etched glass theatre lobby doors, and entry elements.

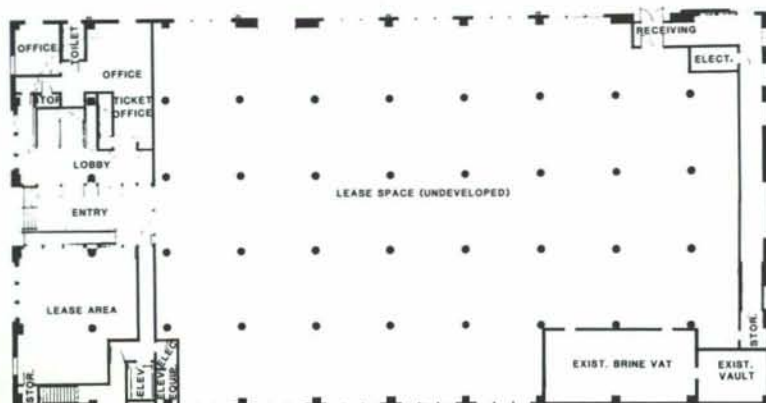
Jury Comments:

The jury commended the courageous decision to step forward and renovate this building. "This is a good conversion of an old building for an innovative new use". The jury liked the playful atmosphere brought about by the renovation.





Second Floor Plan



Ground Floor Plan

Wool Warehouse Theatre and Restaurant Albuquerque, New Mexico

Architect:
Boehning, Protz, Cook & Associates, P.A.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Interiors:
Jean Ellet Pettingell, Designer ASID

Theatre:
W. George Schreiber

Mechanical:
Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers

Electrical:
Uhl & Lopez Engineers, Inc.

Landscape:
Dennis C. Wilkinson, A.S.L.A.

Owner:
George and Betty Luce

Contractor:
Summit Construction, Inc.

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