

2013

BOB DENNING PASSES AWAY
NOVEMBER 27, 2013

2014

THE HISTORIC AVALON THEATRE
GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

A weeklong event with concerts, tours, receptions, etc. The daily Sentinel Avalon section: Welcome Letter from Mayor Norris ("... there's much more to be done... stage expansion; backstage amenities; storage; catering; freight elevators ...")

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra/Lynn Harrell Concert

2015

PAT GORMLEY PASSES AWAY
JULY 9, 2015

JULY 16, 2015

Avalon Theatre Foundation mission statement: "To preserve, promote and enhance *The Avalon Theatre* for community benefit."

2016

RE-INVESTING IN THE AVALON

The Avalon Theatre Foundation and the City of Grand Junction invest more than \$500,000 on improvements that had been 'value-engineered' out of the Avalon Cornerstone Project (Donor Wall, Encore Hall, sound system, the highest definition outdoor digital marquee in Colorado, shading sails for the Rooftop Terrace, portable spotlights, LED lights for the stage, and more!)

2019

The Avalon Theatre Foundation receives a generous \$50,000 anonymous donation for matching that proves to be extremely successful.

TILLIE BISHOP PASSES AWAY
JUNE 16, 2019

2020

GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION
64,529

DECEMBER 2020

The Avalon Theatre Foundation engages Daniel Gartner/Chamberlin Architect to provide a rough cost estimate to complete the Avalon stage expansion project.

2021

HERB BACON PASSES AWAY
JANUARY 6, 2021

JUNE 19, 2021

Red-carpet Grand Junction premier of locally-filmed *Dragon Soldiers* with Director Hank Braxtan, cast and crew.

2022

MAY 21, 2022

Red-carpet Grand Junction premier of award winning documentary, *Buckin' Bulls - the Story of Ty Rinaldo*.

2023

THE AVALON THEATRE CENTENNIAL
JANUARY 5, 2023 AND ALL YEAR LONG!

Artrageous performs at The Avalon Centennial Celebration with an amazing fusion of music, comedy, dance and artistry.

Celebrations continue throughout all of 2023!



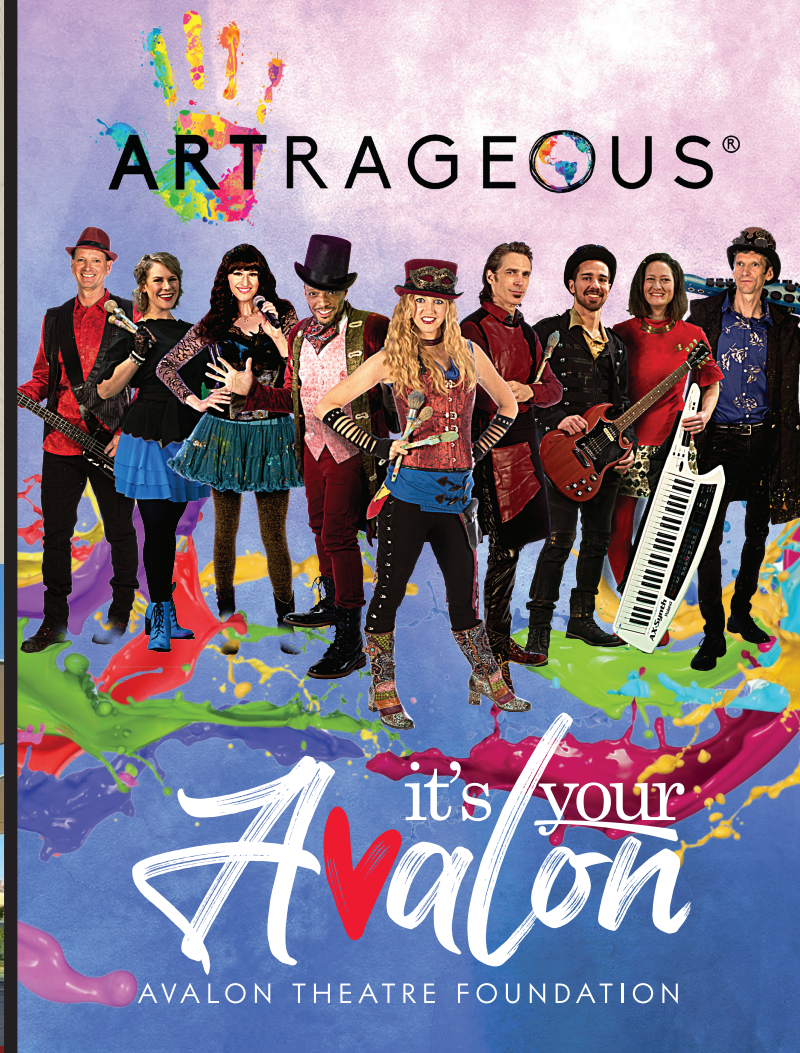
PARTY LIKE IT'S 1923!

THE HISTORIC AVALON THEATRE TURNS 100!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ART AND CELEBRATION



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
THE HISTORIC AVALON THEATRE
THE HISTORIC AVALON THEATRE • 645 MAIN STREET
JANUARY 5, 2023 • 7:00 PM
DOORS AND RED CARPET AT 6:00PM



JOIN US FOR ALL OF THESE AVALON CENTENNIAL EVENTS!

• **JAN 14, 2023:**

GRAND JUNCTION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT
FEATURING THE FILM SCORES OF JOHN WILLIAMS.

• **MAY 7, 2023:**

HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE CONCERT (ALSO BORN IN 1923!);
A COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY CONCERTS
OF THE GRAND VALLEY.

• **NOV ?, 2023:**

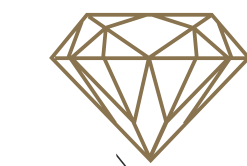
OUR FINAL 'BASH' TO CONCLUDE THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
FEATURING A TO-BE-NAMED ENTERTAINER.

• **FEB - NOV 2023:**

AVALON CENTENNIAL FILM & LECTURE SERIES

- FEB 13: SHERLOCK, JR. (BUSTER KEATON) - 1923
- MAR 13: KING KONG - 1933
- APR 17: KEY LARGO - 1948
- MAY 8: THE SEARCHERS - 1956
- JUN 12: PLANET OF THE APES - 1968
- JUL 10: STAR WARS (A NEW HOPE) - 1977
- AUG 14: THE THING - 1982
- SEP 11: TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES - 1990
- OCT 9: ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND - 2004
- NOV 13: FEATURE FILM BY LOCAL FILMMAKERS - 2022

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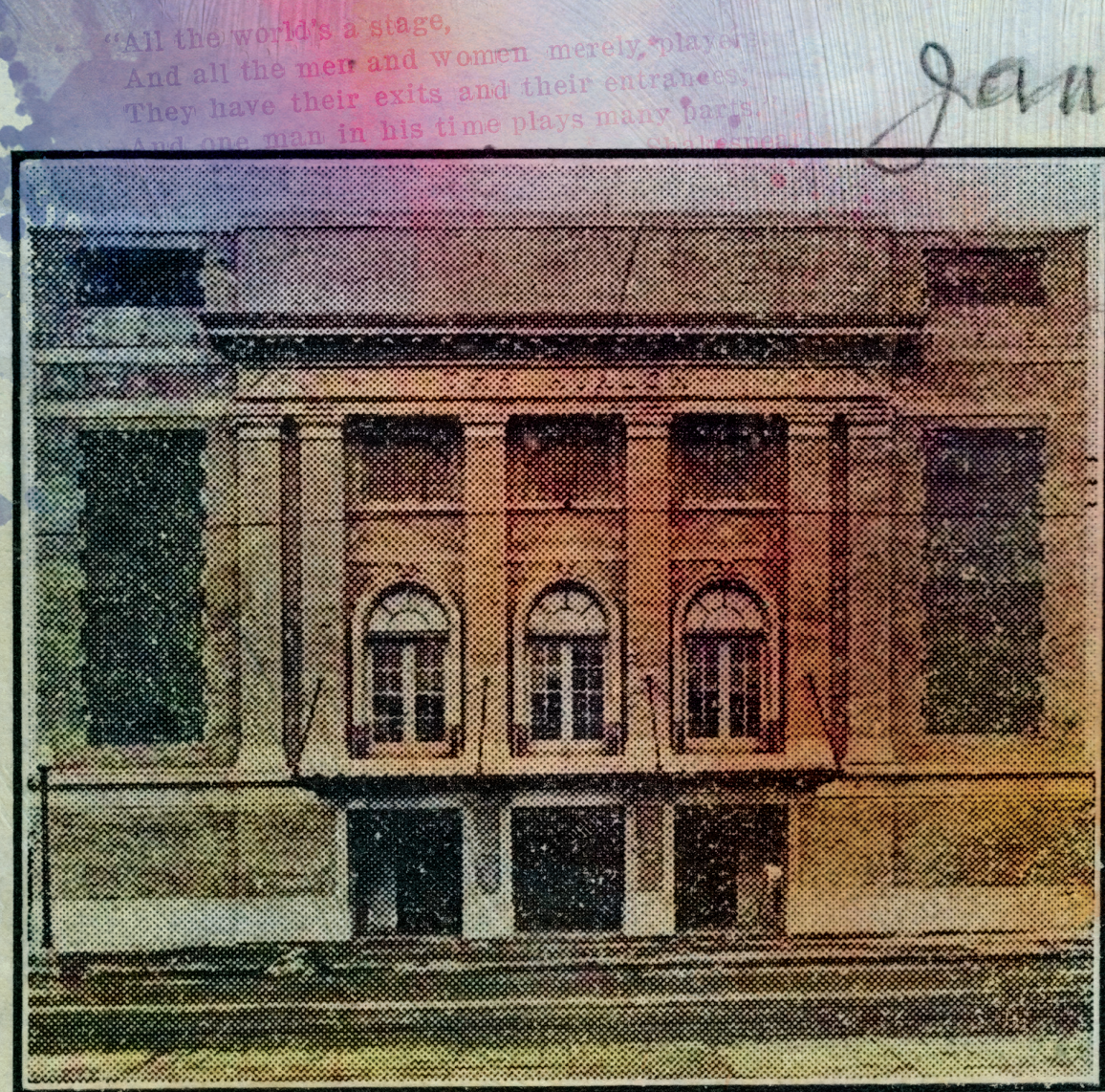
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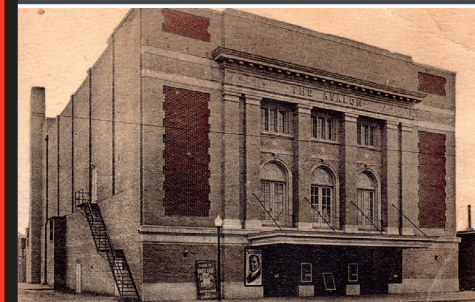
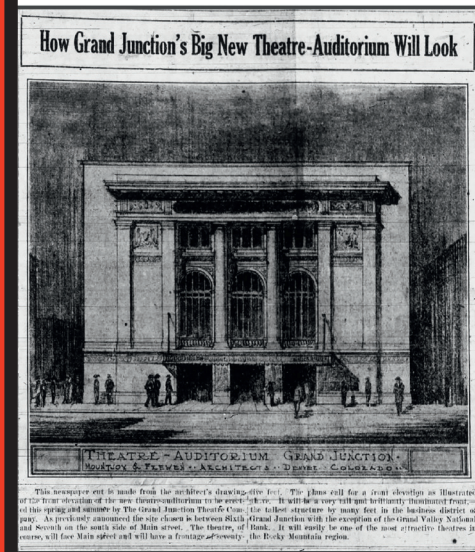


very honorable effort to make The Avalon one of the best known,
one of the best conducted, one of the most popular and one of the most
theatres and auditoriums in the west will be our ambition.

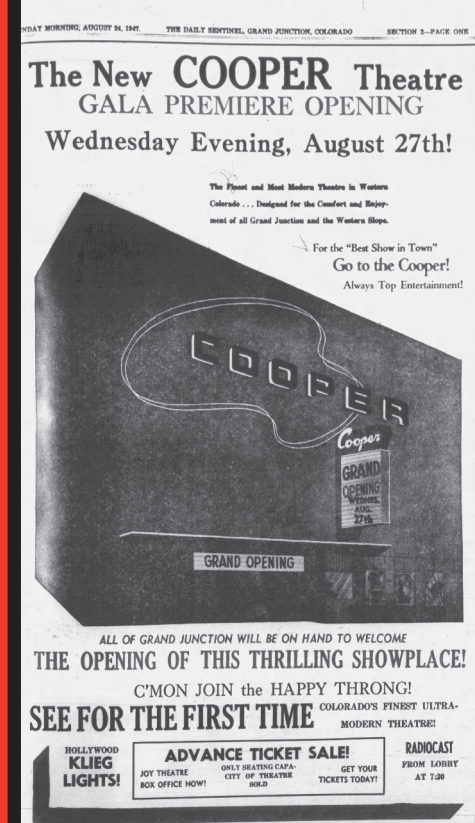
100 YEARS OF THE AVALON THEATRE

TIMELINE

- 1882** **GRAND JUNCTION FOUNDED**
(POPULATION 151)
- 1900** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
3,053
- 1911** **WALTER WALKER BUYS THE DAILY SENTINEL**
- 1921** Congress changes the name of the Grand River to the Colorado River.
- 1922** **GRAND JUNCTION THEATRE COMPANY FORMED**
121 stockholders; Walter Walker, William Moyer, James Rankin, et al; each share costs \$100.
- 1923** **GRAND OPENING OF THE AVALON THEATRE**
JANUARY 5, 1923
- A performance by internationally known soprano, Lucy Gates opens *The Avalon*.
- Walter Walker serves as General Manager of The Avalon, while Glen Schrader, John Cameron, and Earl Blackstone are hired to perform as *The Avalon Theatre Orchestra*.
- Ira DeLong is hired as *The Avalon's* first projectionist.
- MARCH 1, 1923**
GJHS production of the *Bells of Beaujolais* (Oscar-winning screenwriter Dalton Trumbo was in the chorus!)
- 1924** **APRIL 22, 1924**
The Broadway hit *Bombo* starring Al Jolson performs at *The Avalon*.
- 1929** **OCTOBER 24, 1929**
The Largest stock market crash in US history marking the end of the 'Roaring Twenties' and the beginning of the Great Depression, which would last until 1939.
- 1930** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
10,200
- 1933** **AVALON THEATRE LEASED TO**
J.H. COOPER COMPANY
- 1935** *Eclipse* published by Dalton Trumbo (scandalous novel about a fictional Grand Junction)
- 1936** **DECEMBER 1936**
The hit film, *The Stowaway*, starring Shirley Temple opens at the Avalon Theatre
- 1940** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
12,479



- 1943** **THE AVALON SOLD TO**
THE COOPER FOUNDATION
- 1947** **GRAND OPENING OF THE COOPER THEATRE**
AUGUST 27, 1947
- The Avalon* reopens as the renamed *Cooper Theatre*; Freshly remodeled as a movie house including modern acoustics, projection, and the biggest indoor movie screen between Pueblo and Salt Lake City.
- The original façade of the 1920s was covered over in an Art Moderne style.
- The Cooper* shows first-run movies for the next 42 years.
- Uranium boom begins
- 1948**
- 1950** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
14,500
- 1952** **JOHN OTTO PASSES AWAY**
JUNE 19, 1952
- 1956** **WALTER WALKER PASSES AWAY**
OCTOBER 8, 1956
- 1960** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
18,694
- JANUARY 1960**
Joe Lacy, the engine behind 'Operation Foresight', hired as City Manager.
- Operation Foresight (1960-1962) renews and saves downtown Grand Junction from extinction via a major construction project to revitalize and beautify Main Street.
- 1961**
- 1965** **MARCH 1, 1965**
Famous radio broadcaster Paul Harvey raves about Grand Junction and Operation Foresight
- 1970** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
20,200
- PRESTON WALKER PASSES AWAY**
MAY 28, 1970
- 1976** **DALTON TRUMBO PASSES AWAY**
SEPTEMBER 10, 1976
- 1977** **JULY 1, 1977**
Star Wars opens to huge crowds at the Cooper.
- 1978** *Thomas Hunn Jewelers* opens for business.
- 1980** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
28,000
- Mesa Mall opens.



- 1982** **BLACK SUNDAY**
MAY 2, 1982
Exxon pulls out of the massive Colorado oil shale project; multi-year, double-digit unemployment; up to 15,000 people leave the Grand Valley.
- Carmike 7* Movie theater opens; the *Cooper* goes dark.
- 1989**
- 1990** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
29,000
- 1991** **PAT GORMLEY ESTABLISHES**
THE AVALON PROJECT, INC.
FEBRUARY 8, 1991
- The Avalon Project, Inc.*, would later morph into *The Avalon Theatre Foundation*.
- 1994** **THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION ACQUIRES**
THE COOPER THEATER
- Buy-a-Brick and Buy-a-Seat campaigns raise funds for the restoration of the façade.
- 1996** **THE AVALON'S ORIGINAL FAÇADE RESTORED**
- 1999** GJ Symphony Orchestra first performance at *The Avalon Theatre*
- 2000** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
42,000
- 2003** *Cinema at The Avalon* begins showing Independent films at *The Avalon* on a daily basis.
- 2007** **OCTOBER 13, 2007**
First Legends sculpture unveiled: Dalton Trumbo (in bathtub).
- 2008** *Cinema at The Avalon* folds.
- City of Grand Junction continues to show films at *The Avalon*. The popular *Dinner & A Movie* begins, showing free films on Tuesday nights at *The Avalon* with a downtown dining receipt. The program runs weekly through 2020.
- 2010** **GRAND JUNCTION POPULATION**
58,566
- Avalon Theatre Renovation Study (AMS Planning & Research); Master Plan Study (Westlake Reed); Daily Sentinel: "GJSO board approves Avalon plan"
- 2012** **DAVID WOOD PASSES AWAY**
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
- 2013** **THE AVALON CORNERSTONE PROJECT**
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
JULY 25, 2013
\$9.7 mm project (\$4.1 mm City of GJ, \$3 mm DDA, \$1 mm DOLA, \$1.6 mm Avalon Theatre Foundation); ANB Bank valiantly steps-up to buy the \$3 mm DDA bonds.

