

San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Opening:
1927

Start of Renovation :
Summer 2001

Completion of Renovation:
Summer 2004

Project: California Theatre

Description: The California Theatre opened in 1927 and became San Jose's finest movie palace offering 39,850 square feet of building space and approximately 1,800 seats. In 1973, the theater was vacated and later purchased by the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. In 1998, the Redevelopment Agency Board approved its adaptive re-use and expansion and the theater was restored to its 1927 elegance.

Location: 345 South First Street

Benefit: The theater's rehabilitation preserves an important part of San Jose's history and its location acts as an anchor to the South of First Street Area (SoFA), downtown San Jose's arts and culture district. The California Theatre is now home to Opera San Jose and Symphony Silicon Valley and is a venue for classical film showings.

Features:

- 61,253 square feet
- 1,119 seats
- Public courtyard
- New stage house and side stage
- New house service area serving adjacent buildings

Total Costs: \$75 million
\$ 52.7 million from San Jose Redevelopment Agency
\$ 22.3 million from Packard Humanities Institute

Project Team:

Council District:	3
Developer:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect:	Weeks & Day (1927) ELS Architects (restoration & expansion)
Contractor:	Swinerton Builders, Inc.
Owner:	City of San José