

Workshops Aim to Bring Historic Theaters Back to Life

Oregon's historic theaters stand in the heart of Main Streets across the state. Iconic emblems for generations of Oregonians, many are shuttered or struggling along in a state of disrepair, but offer a significant opportunity to stimulate downtown revitalization and economic development as arts, music or events venues, community gathering places, and heritage tourism attractions.

Restore Oregon, a non-profit dedicated to saving historic places, is hosting three regional workshops around the state designed to help historic theater owners and operators, non-profit theater organizations, and their supporters effectively preserve and operate theaters in their community.

The day-long agenda will deliver practical information on navigating theater restoration, determining economic viability, building community support, finding funding, and will share lessons learned from theaters that have been successfully revived. It also aims to forge an Oregon historic theaters network where operators and supporters can share ideas and resources.

Dates and locations:

June 21st – PORTLAND

With a tour of the Academy Theater

July 13th – MEDFORD

With a tour of the Holly Theater

July 25th – LA GRANDE

With a tour of the Liberty Theater

Each workshop will run from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a box lunch. Registration is online at RestoreOregon.org and closes 5 days prior to each workshop.

These cost of the workshops has been generously underwritten by a grant from the [Oregon Cultural Trust](#). Scholarships to cover hotel costs are available for those traveling a distance that necessitates staying the night. Scholarship applications are due at least 7 days prior to the workshop.

For more information, contact Restore Oregon at 503 243-1923 or info@RestoreOregon.org.

About Restore Oregon:

The mission of Restore Oregon is to preserve, reuse, and pass forward the historic places that make communities livable and sustainable. A 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1977, the organization provides educational programs, technical assistance, and works to save an annual list of [Oregon's Most Endangered Places](#). Restore Oregon advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. It also holds over 40 conservation easements on historic properties to protect them in perpetuity. Operating statewide, the Restore Oregon office is located in Portland. www.RestoreOregon.org