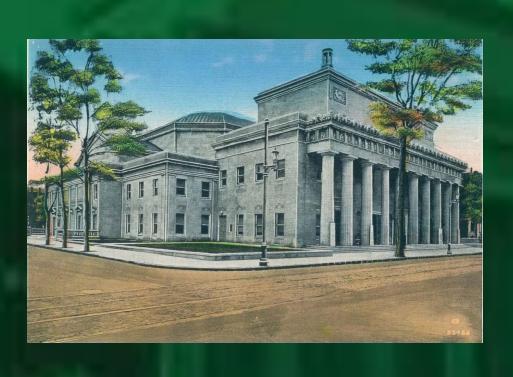


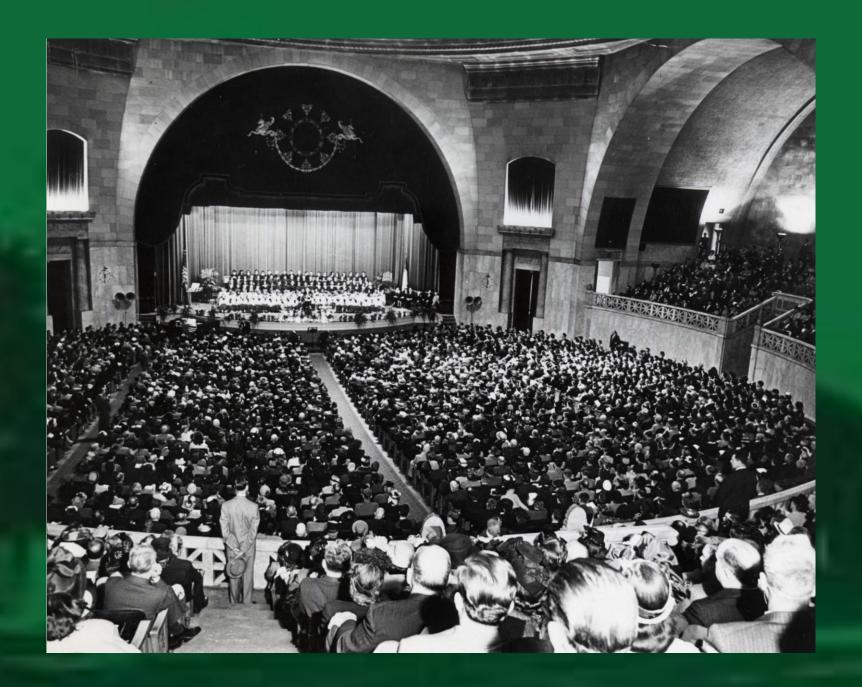
Louisville Memorial
Auditorium
Requests Funding
Support from
Louisville METRO
Council

Clients, supporters, guests and friends of the public auditorium appreciate the opportunity to present this funding request to Louisville METRO Council for consideration in the 2022-2023 fiscal budget.

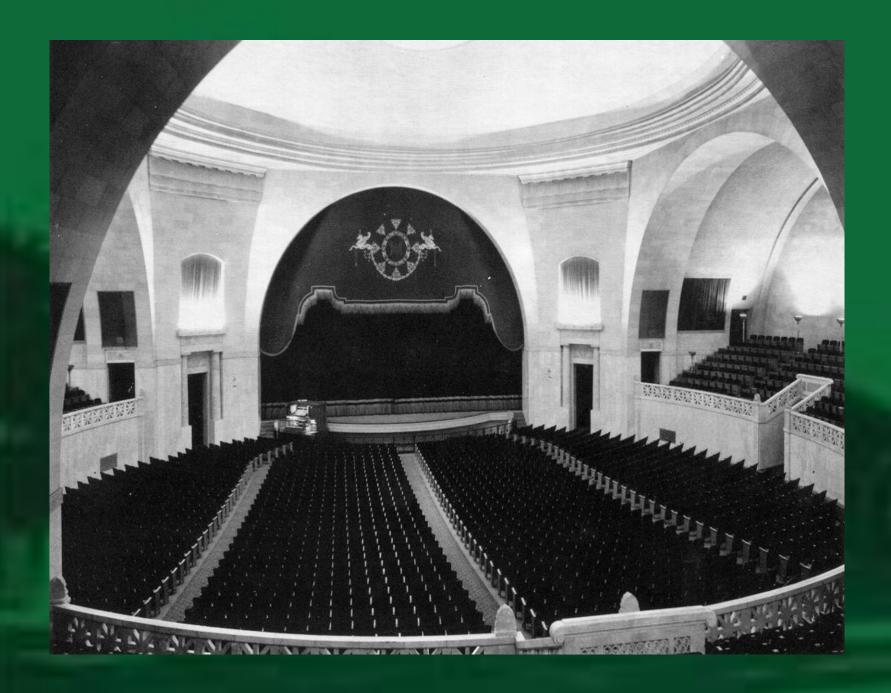


Dedicated on Memorial Day in 1929, **Louisville Memorial** Auditorium was the outgrowth of two movements: one for a public auditorium, the other for a memorial to commemorate the deeds of the sons and daughters of Louisville, **KY and Jefferson** County who served in World War I.

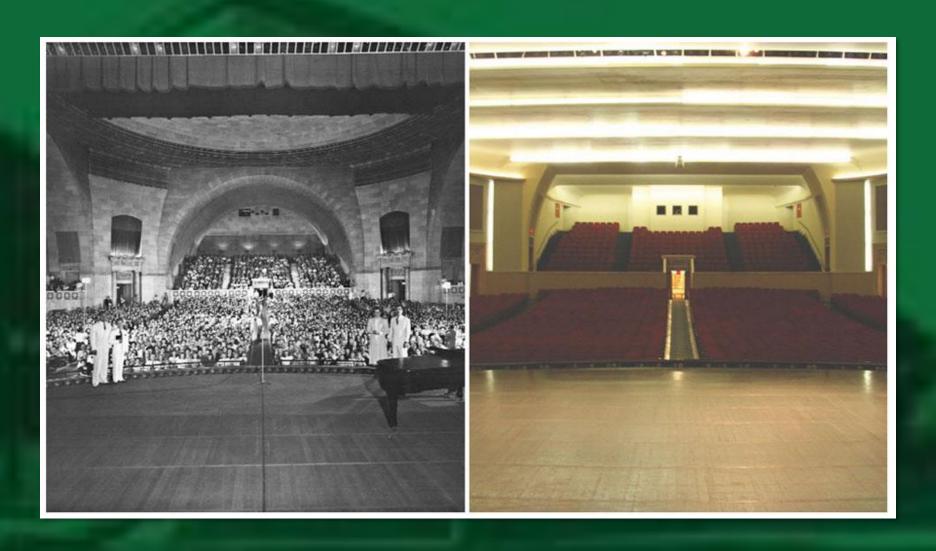
For the first 25 years, the landmark venue hosted many events, plays, musicals, graduations and other community events.



The architectural beauty and acoustics created memorable experiences for audiences of all ages. Many productions featured live performances, including orchestras, bands and the majestic Pilcher Pipe Organ.



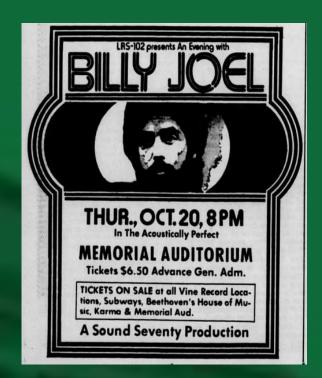
Despite the 1954 renovations, no major improvements have been completed to the actual auditorium or the stage systems since that renovation.



Despite the renovation and updates, the auditorium continued to face challenges from competing venues with modern amenities, including heat and air systems of the day. Business continued for decades hosting a variety of stage productions and concerts on a seasonal basis.









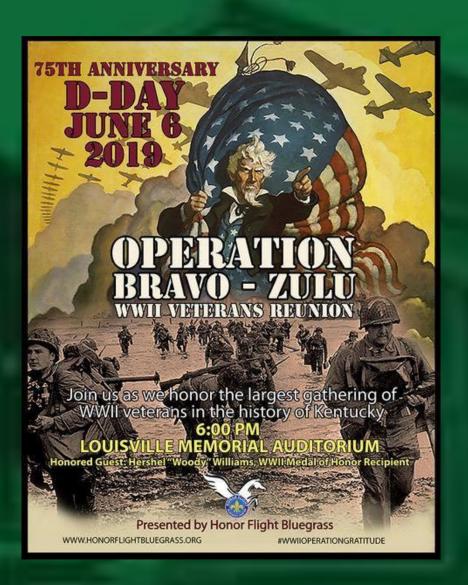
Restoration of the auditorium would include electrical and mechanical updates. The improvements would allow the facility to host events year-round and provide the community an affordable community auditorium throughout the year instead of just on a seasonal basis.

- Modern Heat and Air Systems Installation
- Seating and Cushion Repairs
- Auditorium Painting and Plaster Repairs
- Stage Lighting & Sound Systems Upgrades
- Total Investment of \$2.2 Million

Promoters and organizers appreciate the capabilities of the multi-purpose facility, as well as the performance value. After reviewing events held over the past five years, research shows the majority of Jefferson County's zip codes are represented by event organizers and guests. In a typical year, seasonal attendance is an estimated 250,000 guests.









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This past spring, clients who typically use downtown facilities moved their events to the auditorium since the state-owned venues were closed. One client shared that she saved \$5,000 in rental fees and would like to schedule all events at the historic auditorium if it had modern air-conditioning.

In closing, the requested upgrades would continue to provide an accessible and affordable public auditorium that also honors the sons and daughters of Jefferson County who served in WWI. This investment would produce benefits for future generations in our community.