



Saenger Theatre

NEW ORLEANS, LA

By the time Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and dumped 20' of water in the Saenger, the 4,000-seat atmospheric theater had already been modified several times, neglected and lost its lustre. But the \$52M restoration and renovation of the Saenger Theatre, beginning in 2011, would become a success story for recovery.

Working with longtime collaborators ACE Theatrical Group and Martinez & Johnson, EverGreene restored the opulent interior of the Italian courtyard-inspired auditorium and grand lobby. Our work began by completing a Historic Finishes Investigation and Analysis that revealed the original colors and finishes which were mocked up for review and approval by the design team and State Historic Preservation Officer. Once approved, EverGreene cleaned the marble and restored the flat and ornamental plaster, decorative paint, gilding, and specialty finishes. The ceiling colors were selected to recreate the "sky" – which has twinkling lights, clouds and a rising and setting sun – and the walls.

The Saenger reopened in September 2013.

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://evergreene.com/projects/saenger-theatre/>

SERVICES PERFORMED

Decorative Painting & Finishes
Disaster Response & Insurance Evaluation
Gilding
Investigation, Testing & Analysis
Plaster Restoration

PROJECT DETAILS

Restoration/Renovation Architect

Martinez & Johnson

General Contractor

Broadmoor Construction

Original Architect

Emile Weil

