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e Egyptian Theater, DeKalb



Rolf Achilles, art historian

"I first saw the interior of the **Egyptian Theatre** in DeKalb shortly after my family moved there. I was eight and fascinated with things Egyptian. I still am, though not quite in the same way," remembers former Landmarks Illinois board chairman Rolf Achilles. "I went to see many a Saturday matinee at the Egyptian. The Lone Ranger was a favorite as were such films as Hercules and, then later, Fellini's 8 1/2. For many years the Egyptian was neglected and then abandoned. It was with the help of my parents and a group of other DeKalb residents that the Egyptian was rescued, partially restored as a venue for various musical and local live theater groups."



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Achilles continues: "Following several restorations, today it has its own non-profit organization, **Preservation of Egyptian Theatre**, which actively maintains the theatre and books shows and events. It's well worth a trip to DeKalb to see the Egyptian, have lunch at the **Hillside Restaurant**, right next door, and also see the **Glidden House**, **Ellwood Mansion** and the **Haish Memorial Library's** 1934 murals by Gustaf Dalstrom, restored by Chicago Conservation Center."

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