



# Star Theater

The Star Theater opened between 1913 and 1917, or perhaps even sooner, as a single-screen movie theater in Historic Downtown Toccoa.

In the early days of silent pictures, there would have been a pianist playing along to whatever movie was being shown, and later, a record player would have filled this role as technology improved. Unfortunately, the theater closed around 1950, around the time the Ritz Theater downtown began to flourish, and it later served as storage space, a dry cleaner, and a barber shop.

Building owner Chris Irvin stated that it was “in pretty bad condition” when he acquired it. But one would never be able to tell. Stepping inside the beautifully restored Star Theater, one would expect that it’s always looked the way it currently does: high, pressed tin ceilings, an early 1900s Empire-style observation window above the stage, rich hardwood floors, and, of course, a classic exterior ticket booth with a 240-degree view.

In the early days, the floor would have been sloped toward the stage (where the movie screen was), though this is not the case today. Now, a balcony provides a beautiful viewscape of the interior of the theater.

Today, the Star Theater is used as event space for parties, meetings, and other functions.



**Snapshots of Toccoa's History**