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# HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE



Royal South Street Society  
Memorial Theatre. - Film 1 /  
Frame 35 - Ballarat  
Conservation Study, 1978

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## Location

17 Lydiard Street South, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No 2020975

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0648

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO70

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 5, 2024

### What is significant?

## How is it significant?

## Why is it significant?

Part of Recommended Area A1.1.

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to the Attachments section in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Precincts Study, Dr David Rowe and Wendy Jacobs, 2006; Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;
Construction dates	1874, 1898, 1906, 1912, 1927, 1943,
Architect/Designer	Ballantyne, Cedric H, Clegg & Miller, Pitt, William, Cowper Murphy & Appleford, Browne, George,
Other Names	Academy of Music, Royal South Street Theatre,
Hermes Number	177858
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This theatre building, constructed in 1874 to the design of Architect George Browne, is of major interest for the unusual interior. Alterations were undertaken in 1898 by Architect William Pitt and a double balcony was inserted.

The existing interior is somewhat ornate with decorative motifs surviving from 1890 and subsequent alterations undertaken in 1927 and 1943. The lounge and circle levels are in a horseshoe shape carried on cast iron columns with swag bellied balustrades. The ornate wall pilasters, the panelled ceiling and the classical proscenium are also of interest. The landing to the lounge is of great interest with Art Nouveau decorative motifs and would be greatly enhanced and quite unique if restored to original colours.

This building is of principal importance for the interior. There is possibly no other theatre in Victoria with an original, semi-intact double balcony. The external elevation is of some interest with the facade above ground level substantially intact. The building provides a contributory element to the Lydiard Street precinct and is in good condition. The rear is of great interest as it emphasises the rocky escarpment of West Ballarat, closes the vista along Lewis Street, and provides an important landmark.

## Integrity

Interior of importance

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