

# Tampa Theatre Ghosts: Unveiling the Haunting Truth Behind the Screen

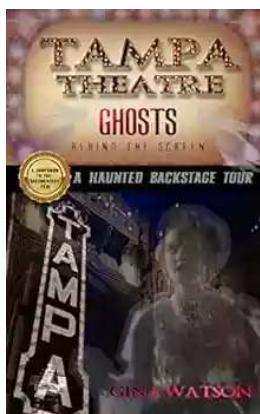


Walking into the grand Tampa Theatre, one cannot help but be entranced by its stunning architecture and rich history. However, there is more to this iconic venue than meets the eye. Nestled within the confines of this historic gem are stories of apparitions, unexplained phenomena, and lingering spirits.

## **The Enigmatic Beginnings**

The Tampa Theatre was inaugurated in 1926, during the height of the silent film era. Its opulent decor and vibrant performances have enthralled audiences for decades. With a rich past, it's no wonder that this theater has drawn the attention

of ghost hunters, paranormal enthusiasts, and skeptics looking to uncover the truth.



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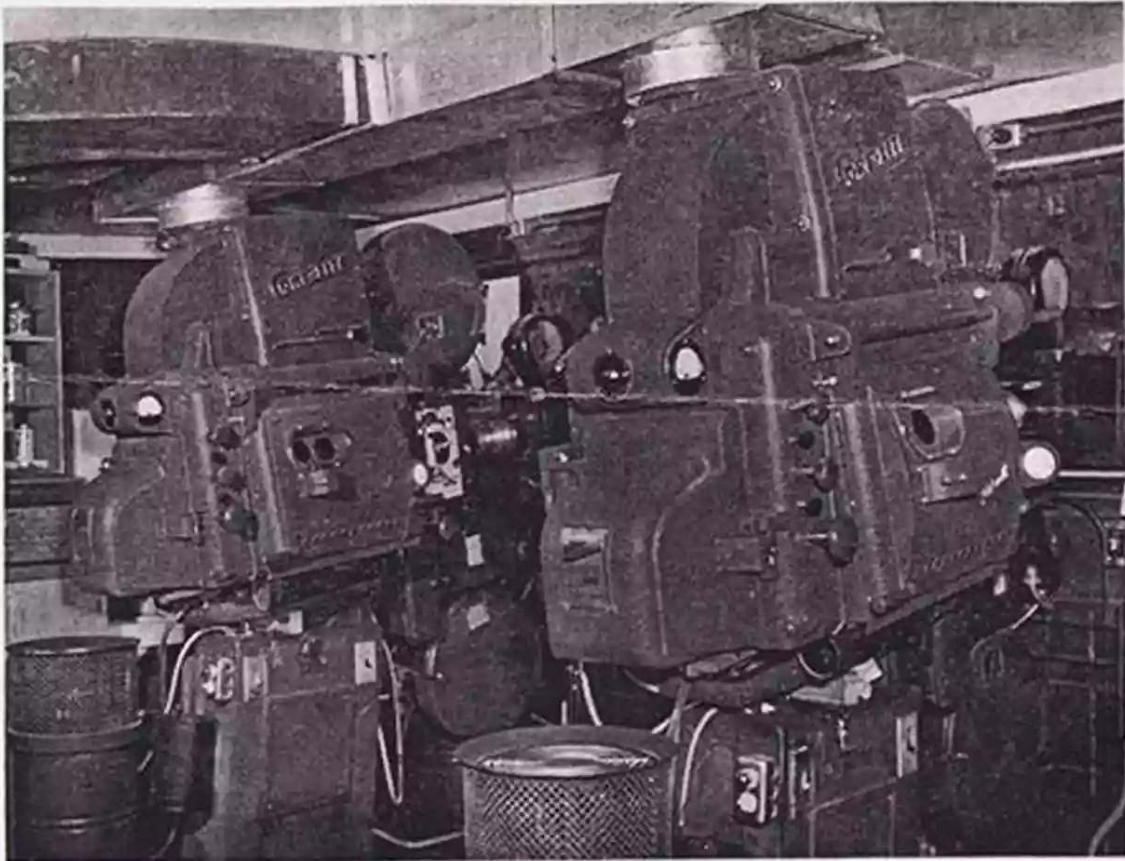


## **Meet the Ghosts**

Legend has it that several spectral figures haunt the Tampa Theatre, making it one of the most haunted locations in Florida. One of the most famous ghosts is that of Foster "Fink" Finley, a projectionist who died tragically in 1965.

Fink's playful spirit is said to make appearances in the projection booth, flickering lights, and even moving equipment. Many employees have experienced unexplained occurrences, leading them to attribute these happenings to Fink's mischievous presence.

## New Booth Equipment Proves Highly Satisfactory



*Ashcraft Super Core-Lite arc lamps and 12-phase rectifiers were recently installed in the booth of the 20th Century Drive-In Theatre, Tampa, Fla. The new lamps were burned at 145 amperes and 66 arc volts, and the projected picture was on a screen well in excess of 110 feet wide. The theatre is owned and operated by the Carl Floyd circuit. The lamps and rectifiers were installed under supervision of W. V. Toney, National Theatre Supply Co. branch manager in Atlanta, who was enthusiastic over the performance. Toney commented: "When a new piece of equipment performs the way the customers expect it to perform, it must be right and good. It was a fine compliment to the equipment when our customer expressed his delight by immediately sending us his check in full for it."*

Another ghostly presence is that of an elderly woman affectionately known as "Frieda." Believed to have been a former theater volunteer, Frieda's apparition has been spotted roaming the balcony. Some claim they can even hear her soft whispers during late-night performances.

### **Nightmares in the Basement**

While the main auditorium and balcony may have their fair share of paranormal tales, the Tampa Theatre basement holds even darker secrets. Stories circulate about voices that echo through the winding halls and chilling cries emanating late at night.



One particularly haunting tale involves a janitor who was reportedly pushed down the basement stairs by an unseen force. Since then, employees have cited encounters with an oppressive entity lurking in the shadows, creating an atmosphere of chilling unease.

## **Investigations and Haunting Experiences**

Over the years, several paranormal investigators and teams have visited the Tampa Theatre to uncover evidence of its supernatural inhabitants. Visions, EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomenon) recordings, and unexplained temperature drops have been documented during these investigations.

Regular theatergoers have also shared their spine-chilling experiences, recounting moments of feeling watched, sudden unexplained cold spots, and whispers in empty seats.

## **Embracing the Haunting Legends**

Despite the eerie stories surrounding the Tampa Theatre, visitors continue to be drawn to its captivating performances and unique events. The theater's management has embraced the haunting legends, offering ghost tours and annual Halloween events that explore the rich history and ghostly tales associated with the venue.



Whether you believe in ghosts or not, the Tampa Theatre's haunted reputation adds an extra layer of intrigue and excitement. So, the next time you step into this majestic theater, keep your eyes and ears open - you never know what ghostly encounter awaits you behind the screen!



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Are ghosts real? How can we prove or disprove it? A Florida film production team sets out to try to answer these questions during a film shoot at the historic Tampa Theatre.

In the excitement of the roaring 20s, a new kind of movie palace was constructed by the Bay. More than 90 years later, Tampa Theatre has become known as one of the most haunted buildings in the city, filled with the spirits of former employees, patrons and guests.

Read "Tampa Theatre Ghosts, Behind the Screen" to explore the unique and historic Tampa Theatre like never before, and discover the entities whom ghost hunters believe "choose to remain at the Tampa Theatre," in the ultimate haunted backstage tour.

Filmed over the past year, the Ghosts Behind the Screen documentary features Tampa Theatre staff, paranormal investigators, Theatre patrons, Tampa historians and dramatic recreations telling the stories that give the historic movie palace its ghostly reputation. And the cameras were rolling when spectral projectionist Fink Finley decided to make his presence known to a group in the projection booth!

This book is the official companion book to the movie, revealing stories and details that were not included in the film. This book serves as both as an oral history of this fantastic place, as well as a scientific investigation into the paranormal activity that haunts the movie palace.





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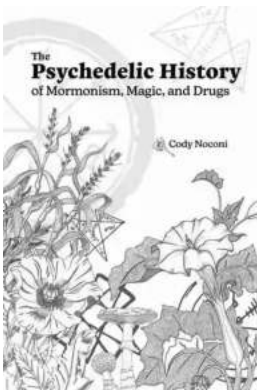
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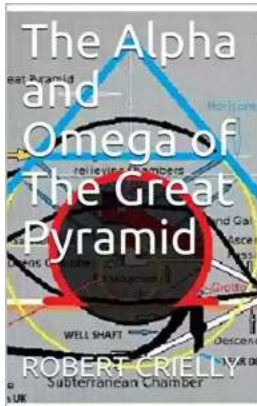
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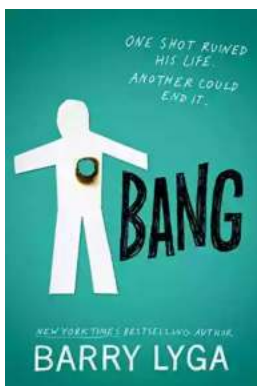
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