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DREXEL THEATRE OPENS NEW BATHROOM ADDITION

The Drexel Theatre, Columbus' non-profit, 1930s Art Deco cinema, has officially opened its new men's and women's restrooms to the public. The new facilities were added via new-build construction on the west side of the building on a piece of land acquired from the former Bexley City Hall property.

The five-month project, completed by Elford Construction, provides a five-stall, accessible women's restroom and a two-stall, two-urinal, accessible men's restroom divided by a small lobby. Staying true to the historic theatre's streamlined Art Deco roots, local architectural firm M+A Architects designed the new space to evoke opulent "old Hollywood" with a color scheme boasting cool shades of teal contrasted with rich grays, taupes, black, and white. Smoky crystal light fixtures and gray and white Carrara marble vanities compliment the dynamic pattern inlaid in its exceptional hexagonal tile floor.

The recently completed work complements existing improvements completed in 2012-13, including replacement of the barrel roof over all three theatres and a 10-ton HVAC unit. All three theatres were also converted to state-of-the-art digital projection and sound, allowing for the implementation of a cutting-edge closed captioning system that utilizes holographic technology to project text onto the lenses of specialty glasses provided to hearing-impaired patrons.

Friends of the Drexel anticipates renovation of the theatre's iconic marquee, lobby, and three inner theatres in 2016.

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About Drexel Theatre, Inc.

For generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema, striving to specialize in simply the best films from around the world.

About Friends of the Drexel, Inc.

Established in late 2009 by a group of committed community leaders and arts patrons, Friends of the Drexel, Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to a more creative and prosperous future for the Drexel Theatre. Its mission is to secure and sustain the future of the historic Drexel Theatre as a distinctive cultural asset to Bexley and the

greater Columbus community. It envisions the Drexel as a sustainable provider of unique arts content as well as a vibrant community meeting place that preserves the charm and eclectic, neighborhood film-going experience in a warm and inviting, yet technologically-advanced, facility.

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