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AVALON THEATER

In 1923, the Avalon Theater opened thanks to a community effort led by Walter Walker, the publisher of *The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*. Early silent movies, stage stars such as Mary Pickford and Al Jolson, and traveling theater and music groups played at this venue.

The Theater also served as a civic center, hosting lectures, political rallies, and fund-raising events such as the Soupeaters Program, a forerunner of Toys for Tots. In the 1940s, The Avalon Theater was bought out by the Cooper Theater Company, which showed motion pictures until the 1980s.

The Avalon Theater was restored to its 1923 elegance by the non-profit Avalon Committee and once again hosts cultural and social events.



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