

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Rialto Theater opening to public

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On Tuesday, May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Hall-Rialto Preservation Association will offer the public a rare and spectacular opportunity. The doors to one of Beeville's greatest historic landmarks will be open to the public. This event will allow all to see the interior in all its grandeur before renovations. Over two decades have passed since the doors closed.

This event is sure to bring back nostalgic memories for many of us and enable others to see this magnificent architecture for the very first time. The Rialto Theater is filled with great historical significance. After a fire to the original structure, John Ebersson redesigned this impressive Art Deco theater. To this day most buildings of this style have been demolished throughout the United States. The tour, staged by the board of directors, will be fascinating.

The Hall-Rialto Theater

Association is dedicated to restoring this theater to its once spectacular showplace but with modern conveniences. So far the exterior facade is near completion and initial interior preparations have already begun.

The goal of the Hall-Rialto Theater Preservation Association is to create future growth to Beeville by offering this facility to the entire community. The entertainment, education, historical and cultural functions will stimulate our economy as well as the minds of our children. Once completed, the Rialto Theater will be, once again, Beeville's finest asset.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this exciting event and hear all about the history of the Rialto Theater and all the men and women from the past to present who helped create this colorful treasure. Please join us at the Rialto Theater open house on Tuesday, May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.