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RIALTO THEATER RECEIVES A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

THE HALL RIALTO PRESERVATION ASSN. RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE FONDREN FOUNDATION ENDOWED FUND AND THE THORN INTERVENTION FUND OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIALTO THEATER.

THE SEED GRANT WILL BE USED TO ASSIST IN RESORING THE INTERIOR OF THE THEATER WHICH WILL BE A MUTICULTURAL, MULTIPURPOSE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. WITH THESE FUNDS, " THE RIALTO THEATER JOINS COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE COMMITTED TO PRESERVING AMERICA'S ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AN, IN SO DOING, CREATING MORE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES," SAID RICHARD Moe, president of the NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

THE GRANT HAS BEEN PARTLY FUNDED BY A GIFT FROM THE FONDREN FOUNDTION IN HOUSTON, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE FONDREN ENDOWED PRESERVATION FUND FOR TEXAS. GRANTS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$5,000 ARE AWARDED TO NONPROFIT GROUPS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES AND MUST BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUND IS TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, AND INTERPRETATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES.

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CHARTERED BY CONGRESS IN 1949, IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH MORE THAN 270,000 MEMBERS. AS A LEADER OF OF THE NATIONAL PRESERVATION MOVEMENT, IT IS COMMITTED TO SAVING AMERICA'S DIVERSE HISTORIC ENVIRNMENTS AND TO PRESERVING AND REVITALIZING THE LIVABILITY OF COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE.