

# A resurrected treasure

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Entertainment seekers this summer can find live music and movies at the revitalized Tower Theatre in the heart of Oklahoma City.

The Tower Theatre, located at 425 NW 23rd Street, originally opened in 1937 as one of Oklahoma City's last original movie houses with an intact auditorium and neon marquee. According to the theatre's website, "After many years of movie premieres and historic runs of classic films, the grand dame of Uptown was reduced to showing adult movies before closing in 1989. She reopened briefly in the 1990's as a live music venue and was shuttered again in 2000."

Members of the community banded together to resurrect the theatre once more, and after years of hard work, the neon lights are shining brighter than ever welcoming guests to sold out shows.

The Tower Theatre includes a fully restored, original theatre with main floor terraces and a permanently

seated balcony. The theatre also includes the Tower Studio, which is an event and gallery space perfect for album release shows, photo shoots, comedy shows, exhibits and other smaller events.

Now up and running is the Tower Cinema, where guests can enjoy a one-of-a-kind movie going experience with a mix of classic, independent and fan favorite film screenings with 4K Christie digital projection and 7.1 Surround Sound system. Popcorn, candy and a full bar are available during film screenings.

Summer performers include the Horse Thief and John Calvin Abney on June 2, Blue October with Kitten on June 3, Justin Townes Earle's solo tour with Lydia Loveless on June 4, The Bacon Brothers on June 12 and much more. Upcoming film screenings include a Jaws and Jurassic Park double feature, Alien and Aliens double feature, as well as Black Panther and several others.

For a full list of performances and showings, visit [towertheatreokc.com](http://towertheatreokc.com).



The Tower Theatre in the heart of Oklahoma City is home to live music and movies. -Provided

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cost an additional \$5.

The deadline for entries is Friday, May 18. Late entries will be accepted until Wednesday, May 23, but will incur a \$10 late fee. All fees are non-refundable.

Pageant Coordinator Debbie Cluck returns for her third year hosting the pageant.

"We will be holding the pageant during the

festival again this year," Cluck said. "We will be at the new high school auditorium. This year we have changed it a little bit. We've added two questions that we will judge the girls on. One will be 'If you were a flavor of ice cream, which would you be, and why?' and the other one is 'What does America mean to you?'"

This year's pageant will feature performances by some of last year's Ice Cream Princesses, preceding the crowning ceremony.

"We're going to have a little show before we start crowning," Cluck said. "One of my girls who won last year, Emma Riley, wants to do a tumbling routine. I'm also reaching out to other contestants who won last year. We're trying to add a little entertainment to it."

For more information, find their Facebook page under the name Tuttle Ice Cream Princess Pageant, or send an e-mail to [tuttleicp@gmail.com](mailto:tuttleicp@gmail.com).