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HISTORIC LINCOLN THEATRE

The Lincoln Theatre, located on the Central Avenue Historic District in South Central Los Angeles, is a historic theater referred to as the “Apollo of the West” due to its significant role as a local cultural and business hub of the African-American community from the 1920’s to 50’s.

Built as a grand movie palace, the Lincoln Theatre featured live theater, vaudeville, motion pictures, and live performances by the leading African-American performers of the era, including Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday. The theater has been converted into many other uses since the 1960’s and is currently being used as a church on Sundays.

The Moorish Revival building, designed by architect John Paxton Perrine, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009.

Acquired in 2020 by the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD), CRCD’s goal is to return the Historic Lincoln Theatre to a cultural center and economic hub. This includes a full historic renovation, upgrading all mechanical systems, and meeting ADA compliance. Our vision for the space includes incorporating all sectors of the arts — theatrical productions, dance productions, post-production editing spaces — as well as dedicated commercial space for local restaurants or cafes, shared space for community events, the development of affordable housing and on-site job training for the visual and performing arts sectors.

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OUR MISSION

The Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) is a place-based community development corporation in South Los Angeles with a unique focus on young people ages 14–26. We are committed to partnering with residents, businesses, community-based organizations, civic leaders, and the local community college to improve the quality of life in South Central LA.