

## Property History

The Gowanda Hollywood Theater, located in Gowanda, NY, opened on April 16, 1926. It was designed by the renowned architects Leon Lempert and Son of Rochester. It hosted live performances, vaudeville shows and motion pictures. It boasts marble floors, ornate plaster designs, softly lit ceiling dome, and 990 seats.

In 1992, after many years of entertainment, the theater closed its doors. Water, weather and lack of heat damaged the building. Fortunately, in the mid 1990's, the Gernatt Family of Companies purchased the theater and donated it to the Gowanda community. Today, the Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater Ltd., a non-profit organization that was created for this purpose, runs the extensive restoration of the theater, striving to return it to its original glory.

## Project Description

Grand Light restored the theater's historic light fixtures. This project had a total of fifty-nine historic fixtures that were restored, which included twelve floral accented wall sconces, five large flower shaped recessed lighting, more than twenty pendant lights of different sizes, and thirteen exit signs.

Each fixture was stripped of its original finish, removing all of the contaminants that had settled on the original finish before cleaning and primer application. A base paint coat of gold is applied, followed by the application of the custom made, hand-rubbed, poly chrome finish recipe by Grand Light artisans.

All mechanical defects were corrected while missing components were replicated and replaced. All fixtures were rewired with UL listed components and tested in accordance with UL standard 1598. All broken or missing glass was replaced with glass that closely matched the originals. Once complete the fixtures were packaged and delivered by Grand Light to the theater where they were reinstalled.

## Client

Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater, Ltd.

## Client Project Managers

Nancy Redeye, Flynn Battaglia Architects

## Date Awarded

2011

## Completion Date

2011

## Project Webpage

<https://grandlight.com/portfolio/gowanda-historic-hollywood-theater/>

