

## Property History

Designed by Albert Swazey and built by the H.E. Murdoch Construction Company, the Shubert Theater is a cultural center point in New Haven, Connecticut. The 1,600 seat theater opened on December 11th, 1914 with the production *The Belle of Bond Street*.

Since then, the theater has undergone many changes, including new owners, shutting down for a short period in the 1970's, and once, being threatened with demolition. In December of 1983 the theater re-opened as a non-profit organization, and was a key element in the cultural revival of downtown New Haven. Today, the Shubert Theater is recognized as a historical icon.

## Project Description

Grand Light restored each of the fixtures located in the theater which includes seventeen two-light brass wall sconces, five hanging pendants, eighteen large flush mounted pendant fixtures, nine small flush mounted fixtures, nine one-light wall sconces, and three 60" diameter pendants that hang over the main stage.

Each fixture was cleaned to conserve the original finish, with a UV resistant lacquer top coat applied. Most of the ceiling mounted fixtures had excessive structural damage resulting in broken glass, and frame misalignment. Due to excessive heat from the fixture lamp, and over tightening of the bottom mounting screw, the cages on these fixtures had bent away from the glass, causing several panels to break, and decorative straps to crack and dislodged resulting in major frame reconstruction including casting new decorative straps and slumped glass panels. The showcase pieces, which are the 60" diameter pendants which features eight large glass panels, each consisting of several smaller panels, had begun to bend and suffer light leaks. Several of the glass panels had chipped or cracked and needed to be repaired or replaced. Additionally, one of these pieces had fallen during a routine cleaning and was packaged in a laundry basket and had to be repaired.

Each fixture was rewired and had all of the electrical components replaced and was UL HIPOT tested in accordance with UL 1598 standards.

## Client

Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts, Inc.

## Client Project Managers

John Fisher, Executive Director, Shubert Theater-New Haven/CAPA

## Date Awarded

2009

## Completion Date

2009

## Project Webpage

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