



Frauenthal Theatre

425 W. WESTERN AVE
MUSKEGON, MI 49440

The Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts is the cultural center of Muskegon, with its elaborate original movie house interior and award-winning lobby renovation. The terra cotta exterior needed some major maintenance, some of it routine repointing, and some of it repairs to cracked and spalled terra cotta blocks. The parapet cap was also covered with sheet metal to prevent water infiltration.



Spalling and surface cracks were meticulously ground out using custom diamond routers.

The size and shape of the building, along with constant pedestrian traffic and awkward canopy, marquis and sign locations, made the scaffolding set-up one of our most challenging.



Here the damage to the highly ornamental main cartouche has been carefully repaired and is ready for reglazing. Custom repair materials were by Edison Coatings.

Over 85 terra cotta structural blocks – provided by Gladding McBean – were completely replaced.

Steel headers and anchors were redesigned and replaced.



There were over 50 discrete terra cotta block designs, and each was hand-made and hand-finished to match the original shape, size and fired glazing finish.



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