

THEATRE: *Stockton Globe***Listed:** Grade II**Address:** 153-157 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS18 1LE**Local Authority:**

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Original theatre architect(s): 1935: Percy L Browne & Son.**Building Description**

The *Globe Theatre* was built in 1935, with full stage facilities and dressing rooms on three floors. It was intended as a variety house but with film projection facilities. It has a large auditorium originally seating around 2,500. It has one balcony, a rectangular proscenium and the ante-proscenium is filled with large recesses containing a fountain light and two relief panels depicting light and sound. The ceiling is also recessed and the whole auditorium was lit by Holophane lighting. The symmetrical façade is Art Deco in style, with fluted plaster details and fretwork grilles. It is built of brick with the front façade finished in stucco now painted in pastel cream and blues.

Theatre Use

It became an ABC cinema in 1937, but still with much live use including annual pantomimes. There were regular stage shows with national companies after the war. In 1977 it was converted to a bingo hall and closed in 1996.

Occupancy: Vacant, but with planning permission granted in February 2010 for restoration as a live entertainment venue.

Building location

The *Globe* is in a prominent site on a shopping street close to the railway station, in an area targeted for regeneration and economic development.

Risks

The *Globe Theatre* was in poor condition and since 2009 the Local Authority has been working with developers Jomast to put together a multi-million pound project for restoration and reinstatement of the building as a major live entertainment venue. The *Globe* would 'play an integral part in the revival and future regeneration of Stockton High Street and significantly boost the local economy'. Planning permission was granted in February 2010, however a substantial amount of work remains in securing all funding so that the future of the project, and the *Globe*, is ensured.