VISION THEATRE
MAIN STAGE CURTAIN DESIGN
COMPETITION

~ COMPETITION MATERIALS ~

Vision Theatre
Main Stage Curtain Design Competition
$5,000 Award!

Materials and Application Deadline – Friday, October 30, 5pm

Calling all stage designers, visual artists, art directors and costume designers
for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity –
to create the winning design for the main stage curtain in the historic Vision Theater in Leimert Park.

~ Competition Timeline ~

09/25/20  Competition Begins
10/30/20  Competition Closes
11/02/30  Independent Panel Convenes
11/09/20  Community Votes on Top Three Picks
12/04/20  Voting Closes
12/14/20  Winner Announced!

Download the DCA Competition Materials Packet from www.culturela.org, which includes:
• History of the Vision Theatre
• Images of the renovated theater exterior
• Images of the renovated theater interior
• Image of the historic ceiling mural
• Image of the renovated Vision Theatre seats
• Main stage curtain dimensions
• Roster of required materials to select from/be inspired by:
  • Color palettes from approved curtain material manufacturer
  • Fabric samples from approved curtain material manufacturer
  • Tassels provided by approved vendor
  • Your additional sourced materials (i.e. African cloth, sequins, appliques, etc.), welcome!
• Images of the historic mural, “Visions”, by Michael Massenburg

Submit your application and upload your artwork to: https://airtable.com/shrlu6MpBTchGCHOr. For
questions please contact Yvonne Farrow, DCA Special Projects Manager, at yvonne.farrow@lacity.org.
The Vision Theatre / Manchester Youth Arts Center

Designed in 1931 in a classic Southern California Spanish Colonial style, this Art Deco wonder has retained its status in the community for over 80 years. With its name on the tall steel frame on top of the lower stucco-clad tower, the neighborhood movie palace that once operated as the Leimert Theatre by Fox West Coast Theaters is a cultural landmark in the South LA community.

Actress Marla Gibbs purchased the theater in 1990 and renamed it the Vision Theatre. After the 1992 uprising and economic recession, the bank foreclosed on the property in 1997, and the Department of Cultural Affairs acquired the property. The theater was later converted into a performing arts center and hosted the Pan African Film Festival until the Department of Cultural Affairs began renovations.

The Vision Theatre completed an $11 million renovation in 2011. Final renovations began in October 2015 to reconfigure seating; add a lounge area, enlarge the stage, and add a fly loft with office spaces. Lower level dressing rooms, green rooms, a trap room, technical staff office space, and an orchestra pit are included in the renovation.

The goal of updating the Vision Theatre is so that the community would have a world-class performing arts venue for theater, music, dance and performing arts productions; a training center for cultural talent reflective of the surrounding Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, and South Los Angeles community; to provide space for cultural forums; and to serve as a center for community meetings.

Leimert Park was the brainchild of developer Walter H. Leimert, who began the subdivision business center project in 1928. Leimert Park Village is now home to many important cultural institutions, including the Leimert Park Art Walk, KAOS Network, The World Stage, Fernando Pullum Performing Arts Center, Art + Practice, Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center, Eso Won Books, California Jazz and Blues Museum, and many cultural festivals, arts events, and celebrations.

The Vision Theatre is considered a significant stakeholder in Leimert Park Village, and a stronghold for the African American community. Dubbed the “Black Greenwich Village” by the late filmmaker John Singleton, Leimert Park is regarded as the cultural hub for African Americans in Los Angeles.

The Vision Theatre is scheduled to re-open in 2021. The date aligns with the new Leimert Park Metro Station opening and the completion of newly remodeled streets and parks that are part of Destination Crenshaw.

The winning main stage curtain should reflect the richness of the history of the theatre and the community. The winning design will serve as a symbol of the Vision Theatre, Leimert Park Village, and the South LA community for generations to come.
Images of the renovated Vision Theatre exterior
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This is a photo of the approved seating products from 2005. Wood stain selection per original approved product - FSY

Wood Stain: (back decorator panel, arms)

This is a photo of the approved seating products from 2005. Fabric selection per original approved product - FSY

Fabric: (back, seat)

This is a photo of the approved seating products from 2005. Powder coat selection per original approved product - FSY

Powder Coat: (standards, back wings, seat bottom)

Photo is provided for reference only and may not be completely representative of all components and accessories.

Hardware: Black

FSY Architects, Inc.
6/20/2019
# Vision Theatre
## Main Stage Curtain Dimensions

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Note: Two halves of one main curtain reel in and out from stage left and stage right meeting center-center of the stage.
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Tassel Fringes
STYLE 8166
COLOR: NATURAL

6" RUFF HEAD COTTON TASEEL FRINGE
STYLE 8366
COLOR: NATURAL

4" WOOD BEAD
TASSEL FRINGE
Archival images of mural “Visions” ©2006 by Michael Massenburg

Massenburg with contributing artists and community stakeholders