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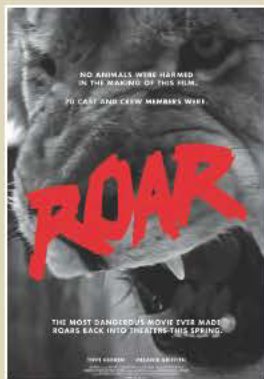
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all have one thing in common: They are in a class by themselves. And this barely scratches the surface of what awaits you at The Colonial in the coming year.

In our effort to bring you a diversity of performing arts experiences, we regularly add exciting performers throughout the year to our announced season. As a Colonial Theatre member, you receive first notification of and access to both added and regular season events.

Colonial membership is a two-way street. It helps us cover the true cost of presenting our public and educational programming (ticket income accounts for only 60% of expenses), and at the same time it provides members discounted tickets and premier seating. A Colonial Theatre membership is also the most valuable and effective way to invest in the cultural and economic health of our region, which begs the question: Are you a member? If not, what are you waiting for?

Thank you for all of the ways you continue to support our community's one-of-a-kind performing arts center. As always, I look forward to seeing you at The Colonial!

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Bobcat plan nixed

NH Fish and Game pulls hunting season

By MATT HANCI Sentinel Staff
CONCORD — Bowing to public pressure is faced throughout the past year, the N.H. Fish and Game Department on Wednesday withdrew its proposal to re-establish a bobcat hunting season. The move comes after the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative

Rules objected to the proposal earlier this month. In a 9-1 vote at the Statehouse on April 1, the committee objected on the grounds that a bobcat season would violate the federal endangered species act and that the proposal was not in the financial best interest of the public. The Fish and Game Department made the decision after consulting with the N.H. Fish and Game Commission, which had originally approved a bobcat hunting season in February.

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Bomb threat investigated at FIndge school. A3



Keene High baseball team cruises in opener. B1



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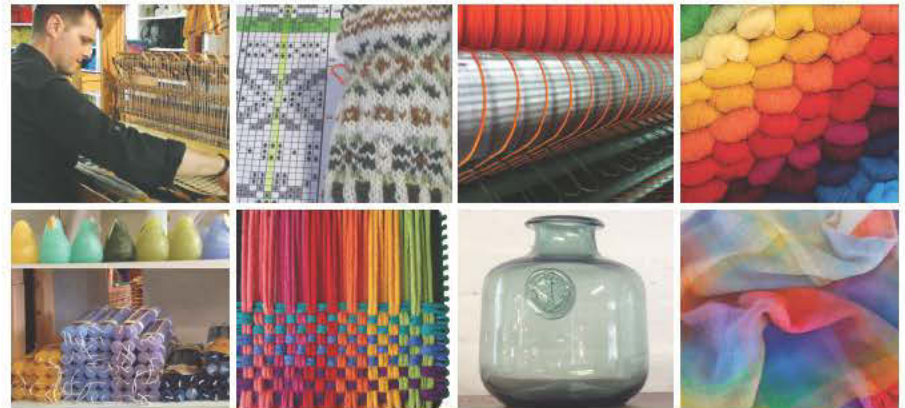
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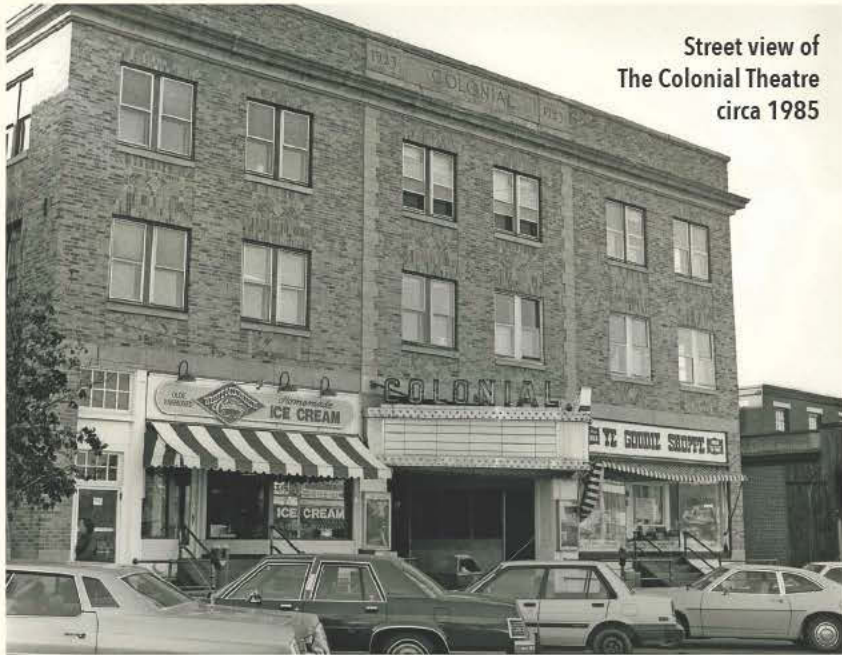
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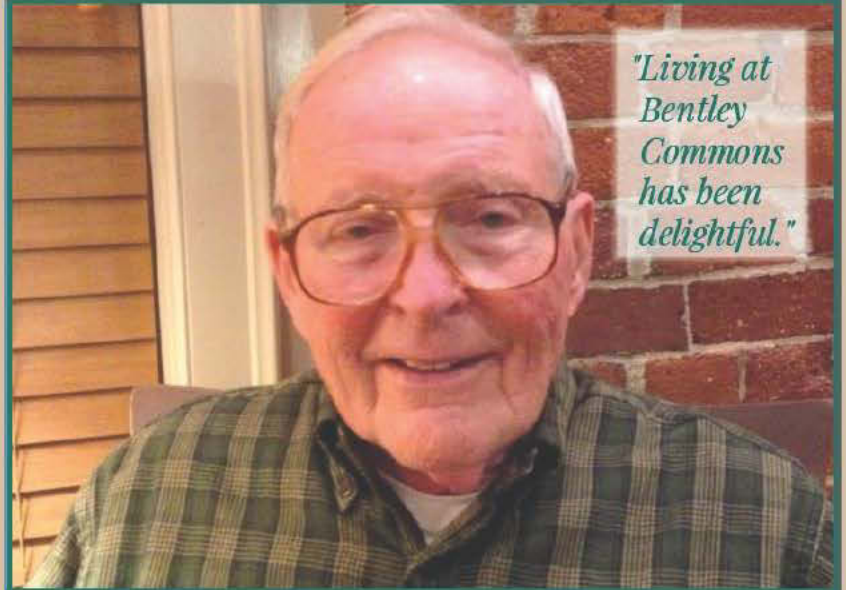
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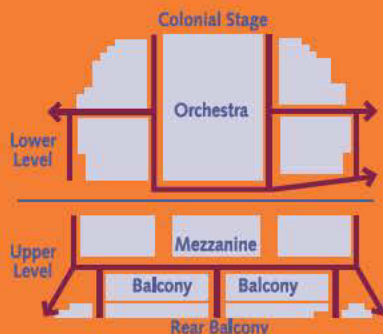


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DOWNSTAGE

- 1) The part of the stage nearest to the audience
- 2) A movement towards the audience

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The action of lifting an item, like scenery, up (out) or down (in) when attached to the flying system.

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Seating area consisting of the entire downstairs at The Colonial Theatre.

PIT

Short for ORCHESTRA PIT. The area housing the orchestra or band.

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THRUST

Form of stage which projects into the auditorium beyond the proscenium. For select performances at The Colonial, the thrust is added to the stage, bringing the performers and the audiences even closer together.

UPSTAGE

The part of the stage furthest from the audience.

WINGS

The out of view areas to the sides of the acting area.

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(pronounced 'Fre-nell') A type of stage light which produces an even, soft-edged beam of light through a Fresnel lens. The lens is a series of stepped concentric circles on the front and pebbled on the back and is named after its French inventor, Augustin Jean Fresnel (1788-1827). He developed the lens for French lighthouses so that they could be seen further out to sea and could achieve a longer focal length with a lot less glass than a standard plano-convex lens.

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A light left burning overnight on stage to keep friendly spirits illuminated and unfriendly spirits at bay. Also believed to keep the theatrical muse in a 'dark' theatre, and to stop people tripping over bits of scenery when they come into the theatre in the morning.

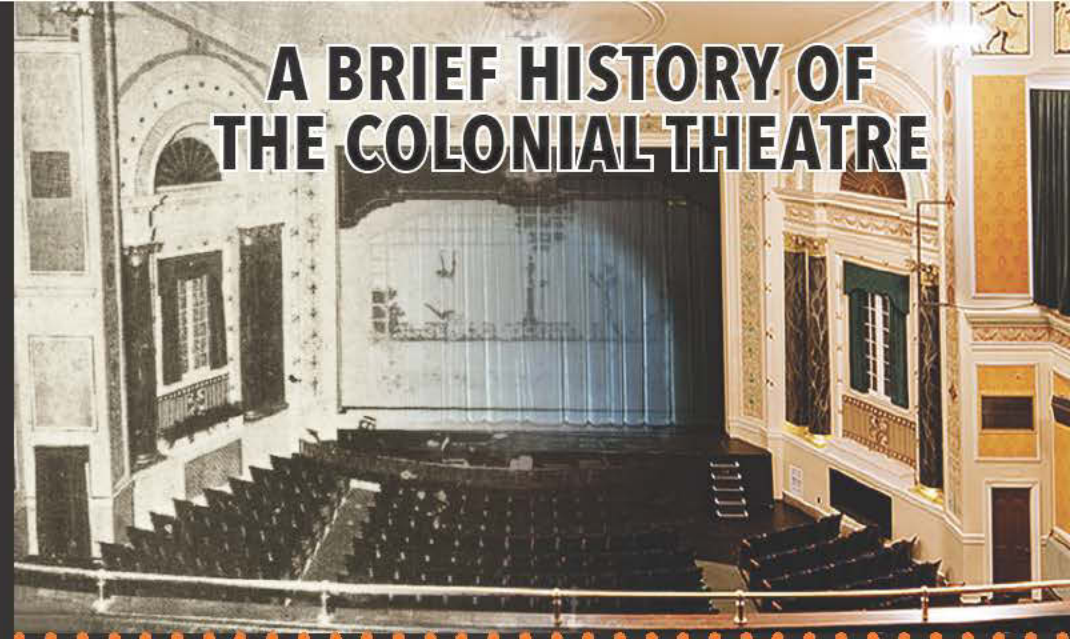
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A series of lines drawn on plan and section to show how much of the stage can be seen by the extreme seating positions in the auditorium. Often marked in the wings as a guide to the actors and crew.

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- 1793-1800** Peleg Sprague, first Keene resident elected to Congress, built and lived in a house where The Colonial Theatre now stands
- 1800-1835** Samuel Dinsmoor, New Hampshire Governor and Congressman, purchased and lived in the Sprague house until his death in 1835
- 1835-1923** The Colonial Inn stands on the site of what will become The Colonial Theatre
- 1923** Construction of The Colonial Theatre begins
- 1923-1925** The Colonial Theatre owned and operated by Charles Baldwin
- 1924** The Colonial Theatre opens - 6000 tickets given away to film screening of The Hunchback of Notre Dame
- 1924-present** The Colonial Theatre is in operation
- 1925-1984** The Colonial Theatre owned by Demetrious Latchis
- 1944** Neon marquee installed; in continuous use through present day
- 1950s** Cinemascope screen installed
- 1954** Orchestra pit filled in, original wooden floor replaced with sloping cement floor
- 1984-1993** The Colonial Theatre owned by Steve Levin & Ira Gavrin (Main Street Production Co.)
- 1993-present** The Colonial Theatre owned and operated by The Colonial Theatre Group, Inc., a nonprofit corporation.
- 1993** The stage is restored to its original dimensions, permitting full scale productions
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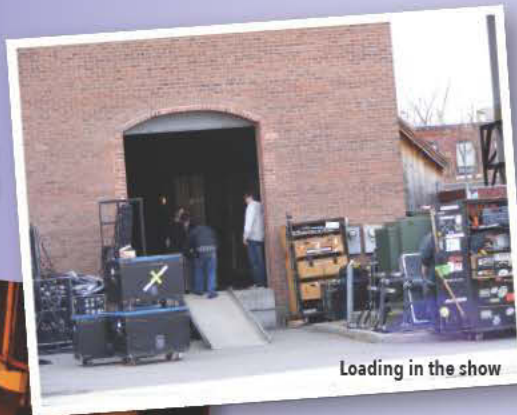
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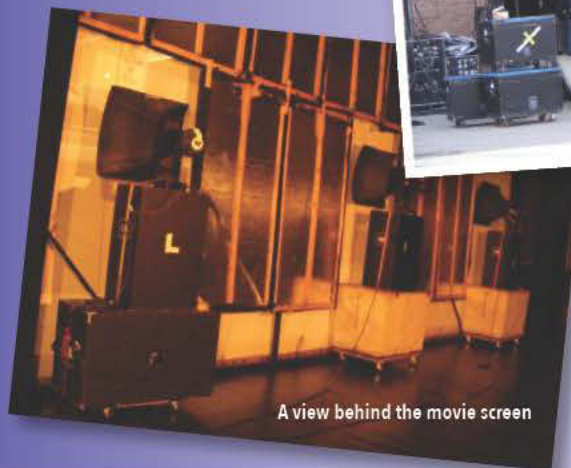
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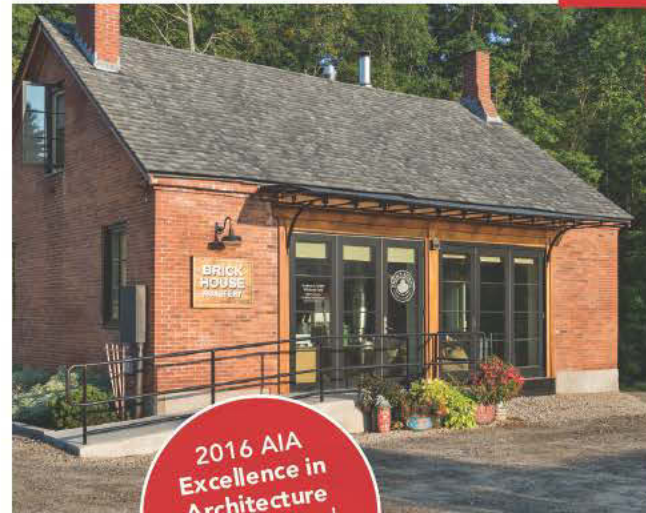
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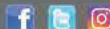
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The Colonial Theatre, opening night, January 1924

- ★ Mentioning Macbeth in a theatre is said to invoke the curse of The Scottish Play. The only way to break the curse is for the offender to spin on the spot and then spit, an approximation of a purification ritual. The spin turns back time, and the spit expels the corrupting poison. This particular play is always called The Scottish Play.
- ★ Saying "good luck" is not allowed backstage. The term "break a leg" is used.
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