

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa
Inventory # 11-00274

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Vista 3 Theater
Other names/site number:



2. Location

Street and number: 712 Lake Ave
City: Storm Lake County: Buena Vista
Legal description: ORIGINAL TOWN 5 10 & N 24 FT LOT 11

5. Classification

Category of property Building(s)	Number of resources within property		
	Contributing	Non-contributing	
	1	0	building(s)
	0	0	site(s)
	0	0	structure(s)
	0	0	object(s)
	1	0	total

Name of related project report or multiple property study
HADB 00-231 Schwenk, Sally Fullerton, 2010 - Historic Movie Theaters of Iowa

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater
Current Functions
RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Materials

Foundation: Concrete
Walls: Brick
Other: Terra Cotta

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

			Criteria				Considerations						
Opinion	Source	Year	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Criteria legend: A: property is associated with significant events, B: property is associated with the lives of significant persons, C: property has distinctive architectural characteristics, D: property yields significant information in archeology or history.
Criteria considerations legend: A: owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes, B: removed from its original location, C: a birthplace or grave, D: a cemetery, E: a reconstructed building, object, or structure, F: a commemorative property, G: less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Commerce

Construction date

built in 1940

Architect(s)

Liebenberg and Kaplan, , MN

10. Geographic Data

UTM References

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Continuation Sheet

Narratives

Due to the non-historic alterations to the first story and to the interior, the building is no longer individually eligible for its historic entertainment associations. However, due to the integrity of the character-defining upper facade wall, it might contribute to a downtown commercial historic district. Does not appear on the 1924 Sanborn Map, where a dwelling is shown at this location. The theater building first appears on the 1948 Sanborn. Original plans and photographs are available in the Liebenberg and Kaplan collection at the Northwest Architectural Archives in Minnesota. The Vista was originally operated by Pioneer Theatres until Fridley took over. Fridley Theatres expanded the theatre to three screens in the late 80s