



AN ACRE OF SEATS IN A PALACE OF SPLENDOR

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THE UPTOWN THEATRE — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Uptown is the largest movie palace designed by the prolific architectural firm of Rapp and Rapp. This truly gorgeous house opened in 1925, and seats nearly 4,000 persons amid palatial Spanish surroundings. Although not in the downtown "loop" district, the Uptown was designed with all of the opulence that the Rapp Brothers could muster, truly one of the most beautiful theatres ever built.

The stage opening originally had beautiful golden gates that closed at the end of each performance, but wide screen has made the gates impractical. The organ which is no longer in the house, was a Wurlitzer 4-27. The Uptown lobby and inner foyer are worth a trip to Chicago to see.