Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts

A Brief History

By the 1920s, Patchogue had established itself as one of the most prosperous villages in Suffolk County, New York. With a local elected government in place for more than three decades, a bustling business district and a major source of employment in the textile, tourist, shipbuilding and fishing industries, Patchogue was appropriately regarded as "The Queen of the South Shore." None of this escaped the business. Glynne built the majestic and impressive Patchogue Theatre on Main Street in Patchogue Village. Ward & Glynne's Patchogue Theatre, as it was called then, opened in May of 1923.

Through its time, Patchogue Theatre has attracted celebrities, first-run feature films, Broadway productions, vaudeville, and the very best in burlesque. In the 1970s & 80s, Patchogue Theatre even served as a "triplex" movie theater. After the triplex closed, Patchogue Theatre stood vacant and dark for 10 years. In 1997, the Theatre was purchased by the Village and restored with 15-year municipal bonds, grants, donations and the hard work of dedicated volunteers. Restored to its 1923 grandeur, Patchogue Theatre had its first performance in December of 1998. Last season, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts achieved record attendance with over 150,000 people walking through the Theatre doors to attend a show.

To read more about Patchogue Theatre's history, visit PatchogueTheatre.org.