



Investigation Summary Report

Teche Theater Franklin, LA.

HISTORY

Situated in the heart of historic Franklin, La. The Teche Theater opened in spring of 1940, in South Louisiana. The 800-seat Moderne style movie house was built with a facade that featured glass blocks with tiles in tan, red and black, as well as a neon-lit triangular marquee.

The Teche Theatre was remodeled in the late-1960's. Then in the mid-1980's it closed. About a decade after the Teche Theatre closed, the city of Franklin acquired the theater and leased it to the Teche Theatre for the Performing Arts, the theater's official name now.

The theatre was restored to its original appearance. But in 2002, Hurricane Lily struck St. Mary Parish, including Franklin, and the theatre sustained heavy damage, and was closed again for restoration. It reopened in fall of 2003. It remains open to this day with live performances!

EXPERIENCES

Staff have reported hearing noises and bangs in the theater. On one occasion 2 staff members heard "someone" running across the stage and up the aisle of the theater before opening the front doors. When the staff checked the front doors they were all locked. One night staff heard the piano keys and witnessed a plant shaking on the stage.

Investigators Reports

Location: Teche Theater Franklin, La.

Date: July 3, 2020

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Equipment used: Several deer cameras, digital voice recorders, Rem pods, K 2 Meters, digital still camera, SLS camera and Spirit box.

We proceeded with our base line sweeps for EMF in all areas of the theater. While doing the walkthrough we also took pictures. After the walkthrough we proceeded to set up all equipment in the theater, stage, dressing room hallways and the rooms above the balcony. One camera was in the balcony, one in the main theater, one facing the stage, hallway cameras were set up near the dressing rooms, and one was placed above the balcony area in what the staff call the “uneasy” room. A K-2 meter was also placed in the area in view of the camera.

During the evening the team did not get any K-2 spikes. There were not still pictures of anything there. We did not get any evp’s on our recordings. There was no Spirit Box evidence. However, we all experienced bangs and noises from the catwalk above the stage. 2 of our investigators did get 2 amazing SLS camera catches! One of these was caught in the stage area of the theater. When asked to bend its knee and then to put it straight, the entity followed those commands. A second SLS recording occurred in the concession area in the front of the theater. One investigator reached out toward the entity and it moves its head away from his hand.

Attached Files

Theater Stage Area: SLS camera video clip of entity following commands of bending knee and straightening it again.

Theater Concession Stand Area: Investigator reaching out toward entity and it moves its head away from the investigators hand.

CONCLUSION

In many cases where we investigate a location with no significant prior haunted reports, people will often asks us, “Why investigate if it's not haunted?” As with any research, you don't know what you can do until you try. This belief is the largest reason that Louisiana Spirits has pioneered so many reportedly active locations in the state. By not simply going off of haunted tales, we treat any historic location as the next potential haunting. In some cases, we walk out empty-handed, other times we don't.

In regards to the Teche Theater, we are still on the fence, but we strongly feel that the potential for haunted activity is prevalent here and we believe that with the help of a few follow-up investigations, we will be able to give a more definitive answer.