

Mercury Theater

3745 N. Southport Avenue, Chicago IL

The Mercury Theater is one of Chicago's newest commercial theater venues. The intimate 299-seat theater houses a variety of theatrical entertainment, including Broadway touring companies, local theater productions, music and dance showcases, as well as late night series and children's theater.

Since opening in February of 1996, the Mercury Theater has received nothing but high accolades from all the major news media including the Chicago Tribune, the Sun-Times, ABC, NBC, and Fox 32, just to name a few.

The building in which the Mercury is housed was known as the Blaine Nickelodeon in 1913. Since then, it has housed a variety of different businesses from a carpet cleaning factory to a clothing department store. When the current owners purchased the building, they decided to revert the space to a place of entertainment not only for the neighborhood, but for the Chicagoland area.



What's the Seating Like?

The theater, designed by Lisec and Biederman, combines contemporary elegance with a classical flavor. The designers chose to use a continental style seating (no center aisle) and chose to restore theater seats that were found in a 1933 vaudeville house in Boston.

Most of the seats are on the main floor, plus a few rows in the balcony.

The seats are comfortable and the acoustics are excellent. In the sides of the balcony, some seats are sold as "obstructed view" because there is a railing that you look over. (It's not really in the way - the balcony seats sit higher up so you can see over it.) And some seats on the right balcony are obstructed for the few moments when the actor is downstage behind a work table. The box office staff will discuss this with anyone purchasing obstructed view tickets.

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