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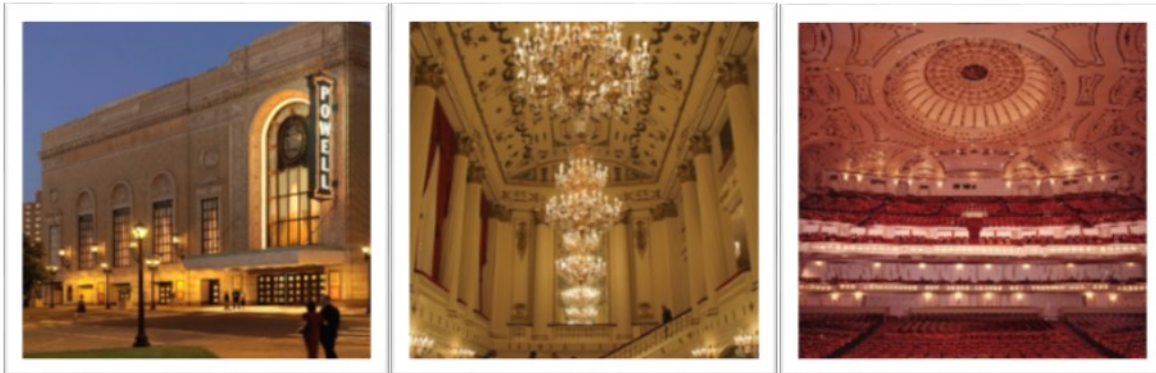
### HISTORY



Powell Hall is home to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the second oldest professional symphony orchestra in the nation.

Powell Hall was first built in 1925 as the St. Louis Theater. Sadly, the St. Louis Theater closed in the early 1960's as home entertainment became more popular.

In 1966, the SLSO purchased the theater, renovated it, and re-named it Powell Hall. It officially reopened in 1968. In 2001, Powell Hall was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Wightman Grand Foyer was modeled after the chapel in the Palace of Versailles, a famous French landmark.



Inside the hall, the stage looks simple but is actually a carefully planned acoustic shell designed to direct sound out to the audience. The hall can seat up to 2,691 people.



Powell Hall is regarded as a highly successful adaptation of how the old can evolve to serve the new, while still preserving the grace and beauty of the past.



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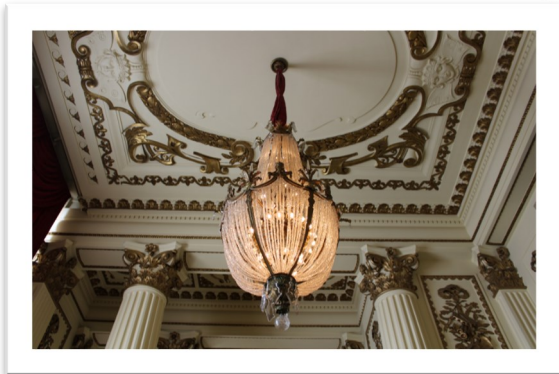
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### I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE



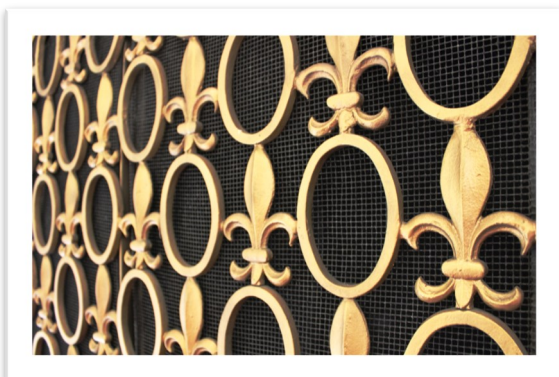
I SPY with my little eye something very colorful on the outside of Powell Hall.

On Grand Blvd., above the entrance to the Powell Hall box office is a beautiful stained glass window of Saint Louis IX, King of France, on horseback. It's the same King Louis you might have seen in front of the St. Louis Art Museum overlooking Art Hill.



I SPY with my little eye something UNIQUE and large that lights the way inside Powell Hall.

Look up as you enter the Wightman Grand Foyer, home to three beautiful identical chandeliers. Look behind you, past these chandeliers into the Met Bar, and there you will find the only remaining original chandelier from the St. Louis Theater.



I SPY with my little eye a symbol of St. Louis.

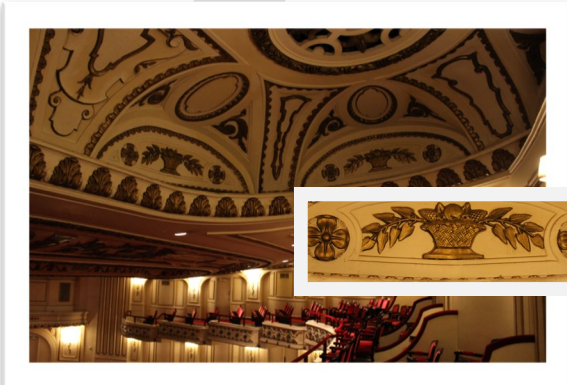
Modeled after the chapel at Versailles, Powell Hall adorns many fleur-de-lis, a symbol of the French royalty and national pride, throughout its gold leafed architecture. How many fleur-de-lis can you spot?



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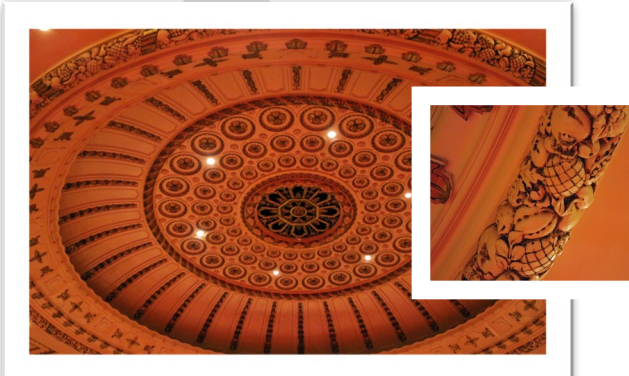
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I SPY with my little eye a blossoming symbol of the state of Missouri.

The Missouri state tree is the flowering dogwood. You will find a variety of gold leafed dogwood flowers embedded in the architecture throughout Powell Hall. How many can you find?



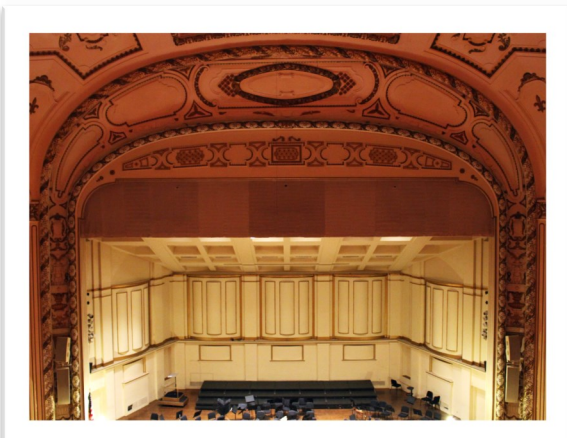
I SPY with my little eye a tropical fruit.

Nine stories up in the auditorium around the edge of the dome is an array of fruit, including pineapples, carved into the architecture. Western explorers brought pineapples back to Europe, where they became a sought after gift and eventually a symbol of hospitality. What fruit can you find carved into the architecture?



I SPY with my little eye something red.

Powell Hall is covered in luxurious red velvet. What kind of things can you find in Powell Hall that are draped in red velvet?



I SPY with my little eye something large and ornate in the shape of an arch.

The proscenium is the arch outlining the stage in front of the curtain. Although Powell Hall doesn't have a curtain, you won't want to miss the beautiful details of the proscenium, reaching five stories tall.