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INDIANA THEATRE

134 West Washington Street, Indianapolis

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PHOTO 1 -- View of main facade, looking towards the northwest. Indianapolis architectural firm Rubush & Hunter designed the building in 1926-27. Note elaborate terra cotta ornament in "frontispiece," typical of Churrigueresque style of Spanish Baroque architecture. Sculpted ornament was the work of Alexander Sangernebo, chief designed for the F.E.Gates Tile and Marble Company. Marquee, with exception of signs standing at either end, is largely unaltered.

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PHOTO 2 View of the Indiana Theatre soon after it was completed. Note vertical sign at far left: this was removed some time prior to 1960. Aside from accumulation of dirt, sign and flagpole removals, little has changed in the facade.

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PHOTO 3 Detail of facade, showing "Frontispiece," or central bay stories two through six. Note pairs of elaborate columns on either side, decorative treatment of small windows between columns and decorative metal window spandrels in center and side bays.

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PHOTO 4

Detail, Frontispiece. Note: compound-curved architrave over central arch; diamond portrait medallion of Christopher Columbus; round portrait medallions of Spanish Grandees; wide double frieze with arcaded detail (upper) and foliate and floral detail surrounding shields (lower).

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PHOTO 5 Detail, Frontispiece. Round portrait medallions depict King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella; centered, a niche topped with ornamental concha; above, a frieze with griffins and swans, symbols of royalty. At the very top, a shield resting on a bull's head supports a bowl of pomegranates.

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PHOTO 6 Main Lobby, Grand Stairs, Mezzanine Promenade,
view looking northeast towards auditorium. Walls
are polished travertine ashlar; ceiling is plaster.
Stairway landing displays a painting of the Taj
Mahal by noted Indiana artist Randolph LaSalle
Coats.

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PHOTO 7 Interior detail: west wall of Main Lobby.
Rookwood tile fountain in mirrored niche. Note
also light fixture, one of several styles created
for the building.

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PHOTO 8

Interior detail; north side of mezzanine promenade, old view. Shows some of the decorative furnishings, Spanish tile, stencilled arch undersides, and different types of lighting fixtures. Doors on right lead to auditorium balcony.

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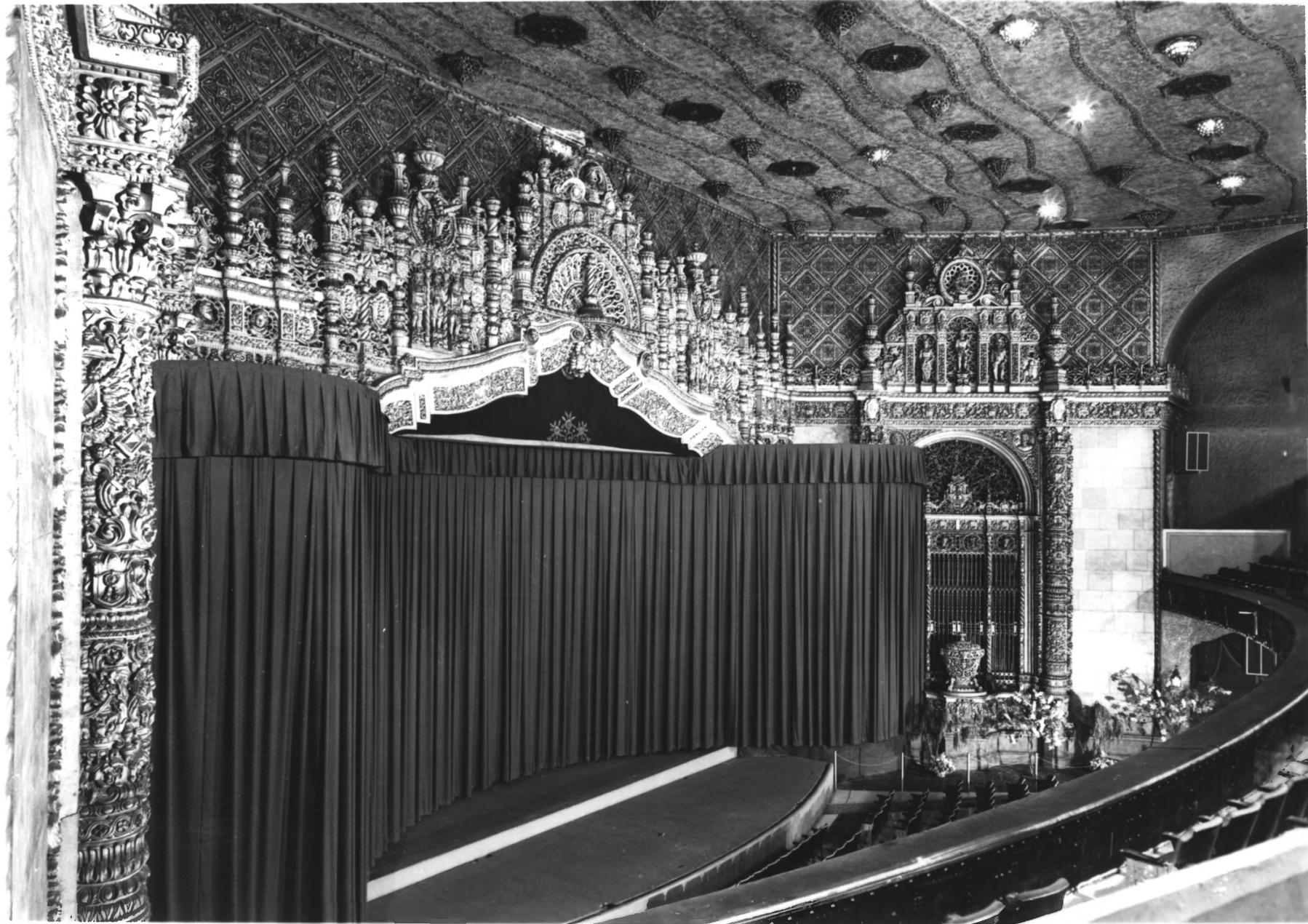
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PHOTO 9 Interior detail, West end of Mezzanine Promenade,
looking toward south. Note double row of spiraled
columns, through which one views the Main Lobby
below.

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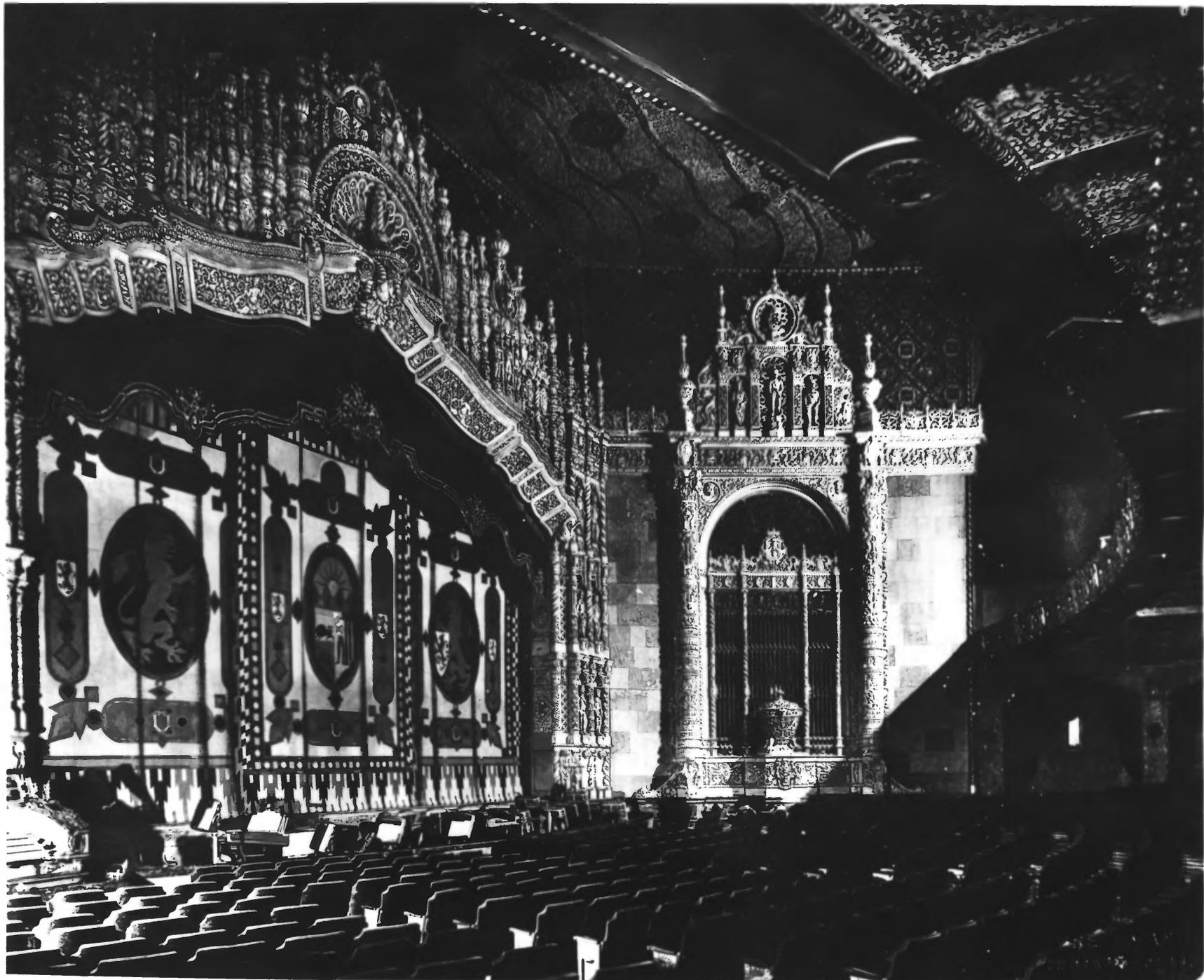
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PHOTO 10 Interior, Indiana Theatre Auditorium, view towards northeast. Note diagonal rows of "basket-like" lighting fixtures and serpentine patterned ceiling; "Cinerama" screen (since removed) covers detail on proscenium. Orchestra stage is seen here in "up" position.

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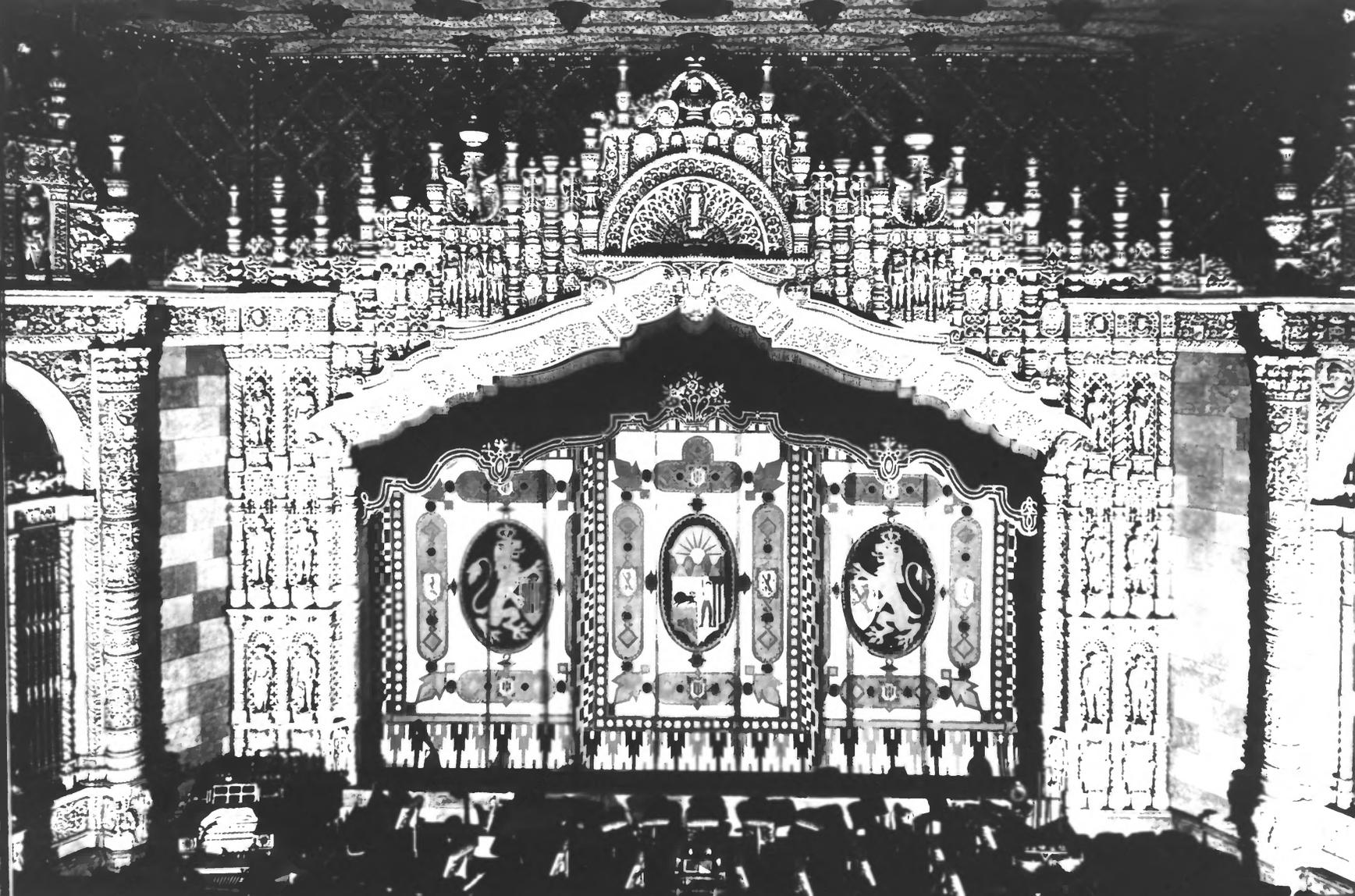
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PHOTO 11 Early view of auditorium. Orchestra stage is in "down" position, at floor level; Barton organ can be seen in lower left corner; note decoration on front of balcony; much of the modeled plaster was designed by Joseph Wollenborg.

Photo by Bretzman, reproduced by HABS Jack E. Boucher. Original, c. 1930.

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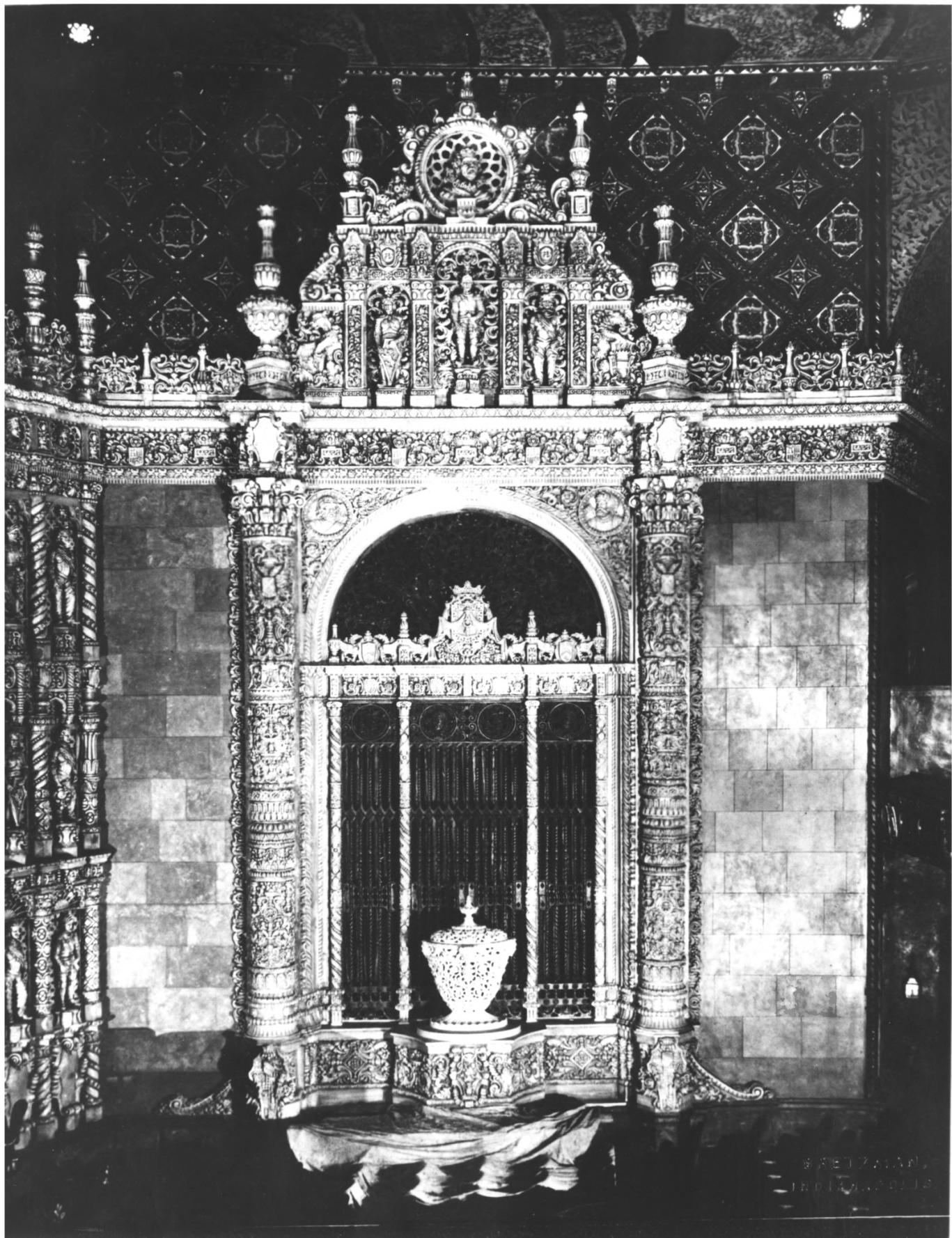
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PHOTO 12 Early view of Proscenium. Note: curtain with Spanish motifs flanking central, "Frontier Indiana" scene; two vertical rows of three tiers of portrait statues appear on either side of proscenium.

View c. 1930, reproduced by HABS Jack E. Boucher, 1970.

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PHOTO 13 Organ grille, view looking east. Photo was taken before decorative treatment was complete; urn is without its four dachshund "feet."

Bretzman photo, 1927 (?) reproduced by HABS
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PHOTO 14 Interior detail, organ screen treatment, east side of auditorium. Openwork plaster urn is supported by four life-size dachshunds.

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PHOTO 15 Indiana Theatre Roof Ballroom, view looking north along west wall. Oval "walls" surrounding dance floor appear as building facades surrounding a courtyard. Elliptical dome ceiling, painted blue, is studded with tiny electric "stars." Stage is flanked by two towers; semi-circular canopy over stage was a later addition, made when orchestra stage was enlarged.

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Front facade, looking north and

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