



FACT SHEET

History

The [Rialto](#) was originally built in 1908 as a two-story storefront and US post office and was converted into a theater in 1924. Although it had recently sat vacant for more than a decade, the Rialto reopened in January 2018. Bozeman's ThinkTank Design Group refashioned the vacant theater to set the stage for it to serve as an artistic and cultural hub for Southwest Montana.

The soul of the new Rialto doesn't wander far from its origins. In the Roaring '20s, the flourishing theater was renowned for silent film screenings, as its Art Deco marquee brought a bit of glitz to Bozeman's Main Street. Finding its personality as well as its niche, the Rialto eventually shifted toward featuring more independent films.

The current design includes replicated iconic features, including the marquee that lights up Main Street, along with signage designed by local artist and metal sculptor Erik "Ole" Nelson of Media Station.

Historical Timeline

- 1904—A peanut stand on Main Street lives where the Rialto will one day stand.
- 1908—A storefront and US post office is built at 10 West Main Street.
- 1924—The building is converted into the Rialto theater, renowned for silent film screenings and its Art Deco marquee, which brings a bit of glitz to Main Street, before shifting to independent films.
- 1982—The Rialto is completely renovated, including improvements to the floors, acoustics, seats and concessions. The theater is known for showing documentaries, features and classic films.
- 2005—The Rialto's doors close, but it remains a prominent icon in Bozeman.
- 2018—The renovated theater reopens as a premier art, entertainment and cultural hub.

Location

The Rialto is situated in the heart of downtown Bozeman, Montana, at 10 West Main Street in the commercial district.

For those looking to meet and stay in Bozeman, the Rialto has partnered with nearby hotel The LARK, also located on Main Street, to offer groups special rates when hosting an event or meeting and to serve as the official hotel partner of guests of the Rialto.

Theater Specs – The Black Box

The Rialto includes a ground-floor theater called the Black Box that accommodates up to 400 guests. The Rialto's Black Box theater and sound system were designed by world-renowned acoustic engineers at [Charles M. Salter Associates](#). The theater's lighting rig is a state-of-the-art all-LED system with pixel mapping and projection mapping capabilities. It is also equipped with a full 5.1 surround-sound cinema system and cinema projector.

Complete technical specifications of venue can be [found here](#).

Food and Beverage – The Burn Box

Located on the second floor of the Rialto, the Burn Box is a stylish space overlooking Main Street that serves wine, beer and a rotating menu from local chefs and food artisans, crafted around the entertainment style.

The Burn Box is also home to a series of pop-up events throughout the year, including chef-driven dinners and collaborations, tapas and wine pairings, and other food-focused programming. The Burn Box is reserved for ticketed guests during all events.

Meeting and Events Space – The Light Box

Adjacent to the Burn Box, the Light Box is a gallery that showcases work from local artists, hosts special events for the community and serves as an additional space for private events for 15 to 150 people. Fully catered events may include meetings, social gatherings and community events.

The Black Box is also available for private events for up to 400 guests. Full buyouts of the Rialto theater are available, making it an ideal setting for galas and corporate functions

For more information on booking private events, contact sales@rialtobozeaman.com.

Guest Information

Entry: Doors typically open one hour before events. Seating arrangements vary based on the performance, so guests are encouraged to check their ticket to find out if the show is general admission (GA), seated or a mix of the two.

Parking: Free two-hour street parking is available throughout downtown Bozeman. There is also a parking garage two blocks away at 26 East Mendenhall that is free for the first two hours.

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