

Public Comment:

4648-62 Frankford Ave.

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To: Heather Hendrickson
Subject: 4648 Frankford Ave, Circle Theater

Dear Mr. Maust,

I've just read your well written nomination of the very important, former Circle Theater, but disagree with your assertion on page 44 that by 1978, all Center City movie palaces had been demolished!

At that time, still standing movie palaces in Center City were the following:

Boyd (front survives)

Aldine (several more names, survives)

Karlton, later Midtown (now the Philadelphia Film Center)

Fox

Locust Street (front survives)

1st Stanley, later Stanton, later Milgram

Demolished by then, the Earle, Mastbaum, Stanley, Erlanger, Keiths (later Randolph)

I do believe, that's the list of Center City movie palaces. Keiths was built legit, became movies later, so perhaps could be excluded, but the rest should not be contested. They were movie palaces in terms of auditorium size, overall grandeur, and other features.

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Thank you.

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