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Club-A-Rama Week 35:

BUDDHA

1962 HOLLYWOOD



This week is yet another "one-of-a-kind" reissue straight from HOLLYWOOD BLVD - the sitting **BUDDHA** engraved **HOLLYWOOD!!**

This is the one and only sitting **BUDDHA** that was vended in HOLLYWOOD at the Grauman's (and later Mann's) CHINESE THEATRE from the very beginning (i.e., 1962), through the 70s, and the 80s! This one moldset probably itself saw nearly 30 years of outdoor service in the fun and sun of GRAUMANS CHINESE THEATRE (and after 1973 at the renamed MANN'S CHINESE THEATRE.) He is yet another very special moldset put back into service for Club-A-Rama members! Think of all the movie premiere's that the **BUDDHA** moldset has seen - not to mention all the Hollywood stars who came to sink their hands and feet into a block of cement just steps away from the machine!



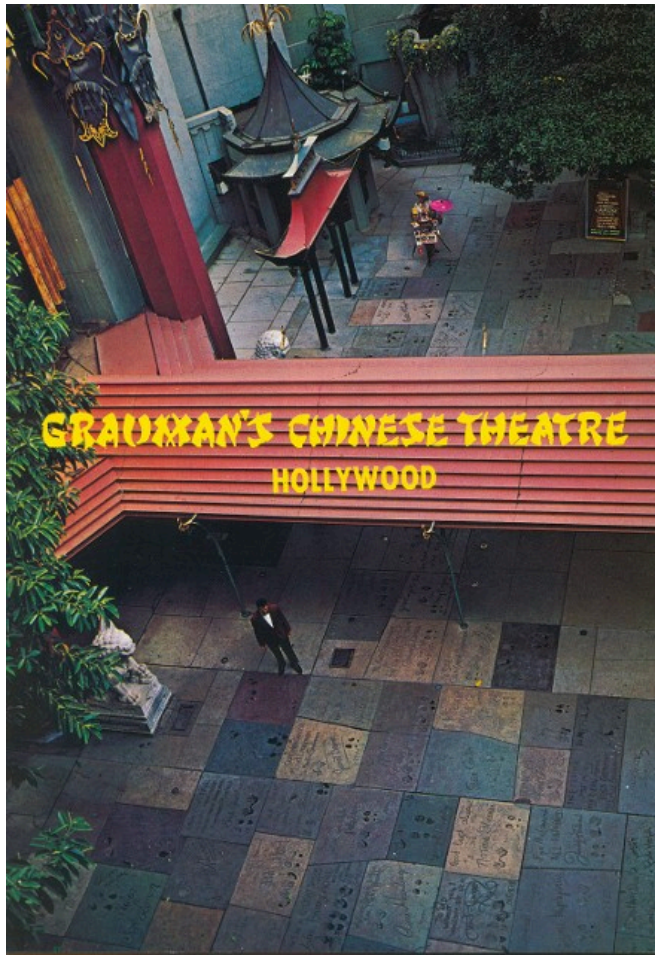
In this post-1973 photo taken during the MANN'S CHINESE THEATRE era (as well as the 50c era), the **BUDDHA** is called the "LUCKY HOTEL" in the lower righthand corner of the plexi backglass.



This isn't the color that the **BUDDHA** was run in for the Club, but it nicely shows some of the detail of the **BUDDHA** - particularly the engraving of **HOLLYWOOD**.



When looking at the Chinese Theatre from the front (from Hollywood Blvd.), the Mold-A-Rama machines (there were two) were located in the courtyard in front of the theater: one around to the left (behind the gift shop) and the other around to the right.

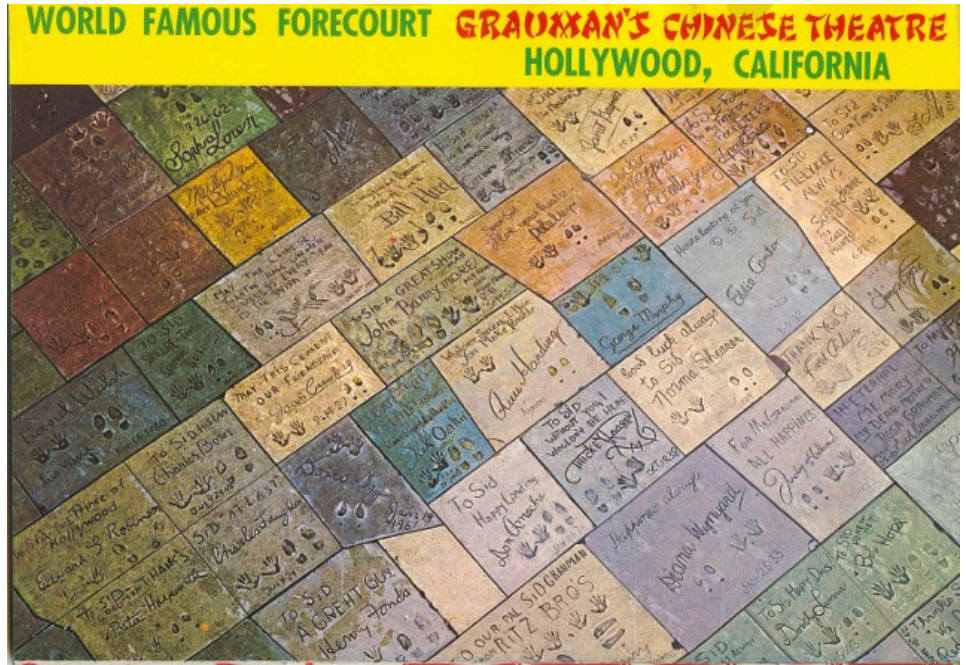


In this view, the theater is to the left, and the two Mold-A-Rama machines were located on this courtyard - one in the upper right corner (out of the view of the camera), and another in the lower right corner (again out of view of the camera.).



Lights ON . . .

Lights OFF!



The Courtyard of Grauman's Chinese Theatre is the open area to the right. To the right of the Chinese Theatre is the Kodak Theater, and to the left is Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. When I visited Grauman's last summer I got distracted by a wax figure out front of MADAME TUSSAUDS - it looked SO real!



The sitting **BUDDHA** moldset is pre-numbering system, early mating design, placing its creation to the Fall of 1962.

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