

HISTORY

1933

Businessman Leigh S. J. Hunt passes away and leaves land once used as a farm to his son, Henry Leigh Hunt.

1951

Civil rights activist and president of Nevada Theater Corporation, Lloyd Katz, becomes the operator of the theater and makes it the first racially integrated theater in Nevada.

1977 - 1979

Theater closes its doors for the first time. Local contractor Frank Silvaggio purchases theater from actress Irene Dunne.

1982

Lesh files for bankruptcy; theater closes again.

1989

Theater operations cease yet again.

1993

The Huntridge Theater is officially added to the National Register of Historic Places.

1996

Huntridge Theater reopens.

2002

Friends of the Huntridge dissolves. The Mizrachi family purchases the theater.

2013

Huntridge Theater revival effort led by two local businessmen raises \$207,000, paints exterior upgrades but can't move further on restoration due to legal issues surrounding the property.

2021

J Dapper purchases the theater on March 31. On September 1, the theater is added to the City of Las Vegas Historic Register.

1944

Henry Leigh Hunt develops the 950-seat Huntridge Theater and hosts grand opening event on October 10th.

1957

Theater is refurbished to add a wide screen.

1980 - 1981

Theater is partitioned into a 2-screen theater and reopens under the operation of Portland businessman Donald Lesh.

1983

Theater reopens under the operation of local cinema operator Robert Garganese Jr, who plans to operate it as a discount movie house.

1992

Sound engineer Richard Lenz creates "Friends of the Huntridge" and begins operating the theater as a live-event venue.

1995

The roof collapses during sound check prior to the Circle Jerks concert. The Circle Jerks play a show in the parking lot, and the theater closes down once more.

1999

The theater is registered in the State Register of Historic Places.

2004

The Huntridge Theater closes for renovations, but never reopens.

2014 - 2016

State of Nevada sues Mizrachi for breach of grant provisions. The case is later settled.