



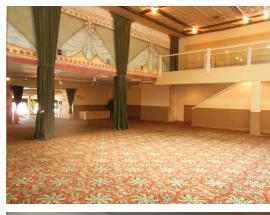


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## **HISTORY**

From its beginnings until the present, the Opera House has served as a landmark of elegance and distinction. E.L. Ford, who was the stationmaster for Southern Pacific Railroad purchased the property near the tracks after a fire in 1901 on West Main Street. And on October 10, 1904, the Ford Opera House proudly welcomed its first guests for the much-applauded performance by "Sweet Clover Company."

The Los Gatos Band rendered selections between acts and thus was the beginning of the Opera House hosting professional touring groups presenting operas, plays, and lectures. It soon became the center of Town Meetings and social events. The first floor consisted of commercial tenants including an ice cream parlor, book & stationary store, dry goods, and tea store. E.L. Ford's wife had supplied the capital to build the Opera House, and when, some years later, he ran away with an actress, she sold the building. It then became a department store and then a venue for antiques. Today, available once again for events, the Opera House stands as a graceful reminder of its bygone era. Images of the past can still be found preserved in the architecture and ornate interior of the Opera House, restored to its original style once popular during the turn of the century. The three- story brick façade faces the site where the Southern Pacific Railway Station at one time influenced activity along Main settlements. Since 1904, the Opera House has been renowned for its unique features and artistic design.

Intact are the illustrious pressed- metal walls and high- ceilings once fashioned for the latest Victorian designs. Displaying 15 different motifs in all, the building holds the largest collection of original pressed metal in California. The display is enhanced by rich maple, elegant French limestone and handsome period antiques. With over 8,000 square feet, the Opera House can accommodate groups of 450 for receptions and up to 350 for seated dining. The moveable dance floor and separate cocktail bar can lend a unique quality to any occasion. And an elegant and comfortable changing room is available for brides or for an intimate Board Meeting.







## LOS GATOS OPERA HOUSE











