

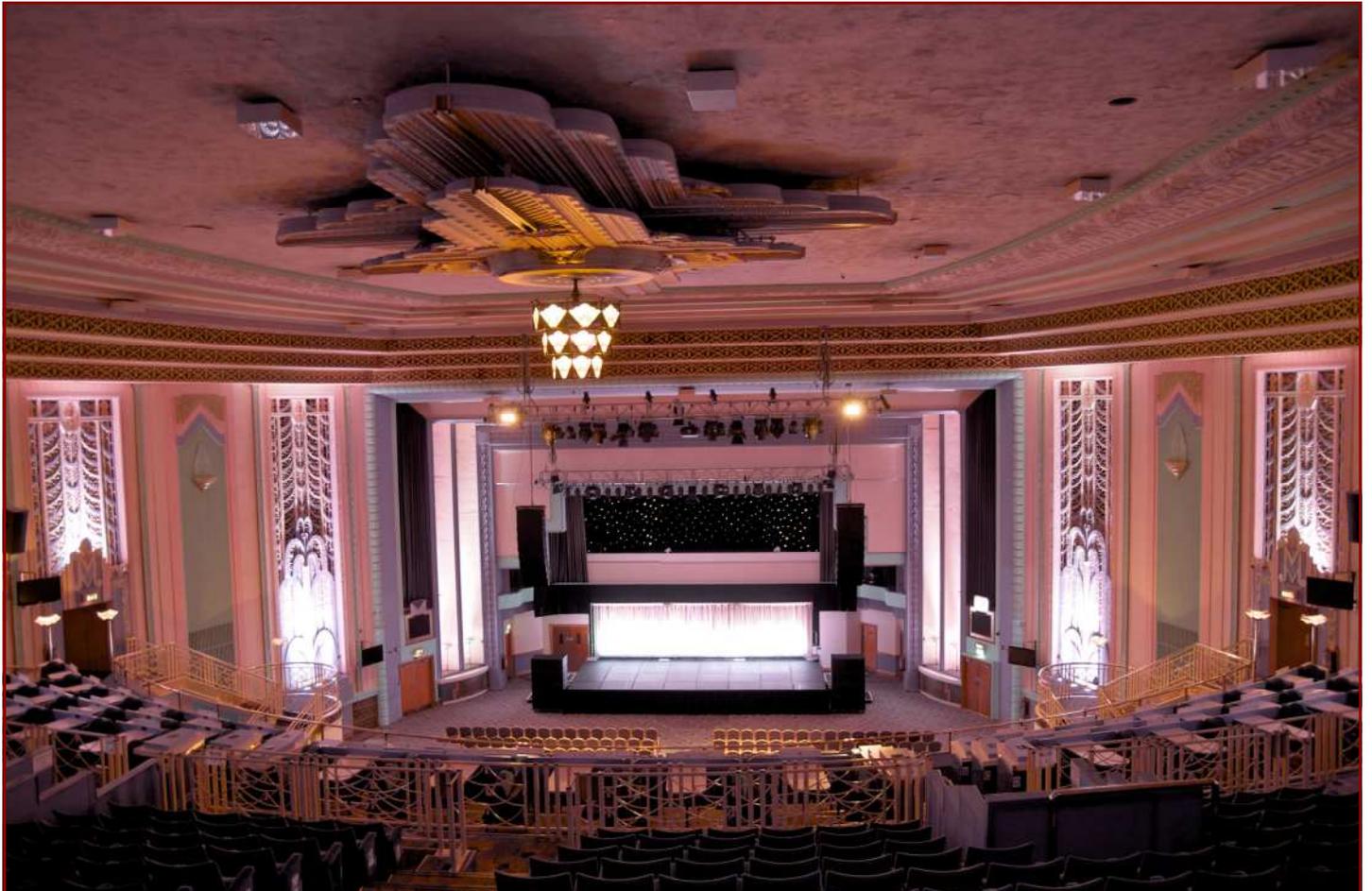
The Trocadero Wurlitzer Trust

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Work Continues at the Troxy

As the Olympics Games have now concluded and travel in the area is easier, work has recommenced at the Troxy. The project team have started work on installing the wiring that will connect the control system, which starts the two organ blowers, and also the all important cables that form part of the link between the organ console and the organ chambers. Like the installation of power for the organ, this involves running long lengths of cable around the theatre, often in awkward places.



The Troxy auditorium viewed from the balcony. The organ chambers and blowers are located behind the grilles closest to the stage on each side of the proscenium arch. Main chambers on the left, Solo chambers on the right.

Cabling

Of the numerous cable runs the most challenging to put in place was a continuous run of 36-way signal cable of over 55 metres (around 180 feet). This connects the control system for the blowers, located on one side of the auditorium, to the accommodation for the Solo organ on the other. When connected the control system will allow the Solo organ blower and ancillary equipment, together with that for the Main organ, to be switched on from a location back-stage at the press of a single button.

A Visitor

The project team were pleased to welcome "Mr Organfax" John Romero on one of their working days, to see at firsthand the progress to date and also look round the magnificent Troxy theatre.

Good to see you John and thank you for your support.

Upper Main Chamber

To keep installation work on the move, Les Ross our professional organ installer has briefly returned to site. Les has fixed the wind regulators in place on the windboxes that were installed in late July in the Upper Main chamber.

The regulators are a type of bellows that ensure air is supplied to the pipes at a fixed pressure. See photo.



A close-up of the restored organ console, with a Busby Berkeley movie on the big screen in the background.



The four wind regulators now fitted in the Upper Main chamber. These await the addition of internal valve mechanisms and lids.

Ongoing Restoration

The project team are busy preparing more organ components in order to complete initial installation in the Upper Main chamber.

In addition, work is underway to prepare the electrical control equipment for the Main organ blower and the blower itself for installation.

Following this attention will turn to preparing parts for the Lower Main chamber, in readiness for its initial installation.

How You Can Help

With a start made on installing the Wurlitzer, we are pressing ahead with the restoration of more parts so that installation can continue as soon as possible. Contributing to the fund now will help accelerate progress on the project and enable the organ to play.

You can donate online or download a donation form by visiting our website:

www.trocadero-wurlitzer.org

Don't forget that Gift Aiding your contribution significantly increases the value of your donation.

Another really helpful way of supporting the project is to consider donating by standing order. The knowledge we have a steady inflow of funds is a tremendous boost.

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