

LOCATION

The Jackie Gleason Theater is located in the heart of the historic South Beach/Art Deco District. Easily accessible from anywhere in South Florida, the Gleason is within walking distance of world famous beaches, shopping, dining and nightlife.

HISTORY

Inaugurated in 1950 as the Miami Beach Auditorium, in the 1960's it served as the live broadcast home of the famed Jackie Gleason Show. After Gleason's death in 1987, the auditorium was renamed the Jackie Gleason Theater in honor of the legendary comedian.

Over the years, the theater has hosted a number of smash Broadway hits such as Cats, The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Rent and Riverdance-The show. In addition, dance legends such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, The American Ballet Theatre with Rudolph Nureyev, Alvin Ailey, The Dance Theater of Harlem, The Bolshoi Ballet and the Miami City Ballet have landed on the Gleason's Stage.

Classical music performers at the Gleason include Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, The New York Philharmonic, Boston Pops and The Florida Philharmonic. While contemporary artists such as Liza Minelli, Tony Bennett, Julio Iglesias, Paloma San Basilio, Tom Jones, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Tracy Chapman and The Gipsy Kings have thrilled audiences at the Gleason.

FACILITY

Recently renovated and remodeled in 1992 as part of a \$92 million project, the theater can seat up 2,705 guests in the orchestra and mezzanine-seating plan.

It has three private reception rooms available to host catered private or corporate events. In addition, concierge service, valet and self-parking are available, as well as a full service box office, concession and novelty stands.

Technically sophisticated and acoustically sound, the Gleason elegantly and successfully hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

The Jackie Gleason Theater is managed by SMG, the leading private Management Company for public assembly facilities worldwide. The Philadelphia based firm operates 97 arenas, stadiums, convention centers, and theaters in the US and Europe.