



PROCLAMATION

Heights Theater Day: October 8, 2026

The City of Columbia Heights proudly recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Heights Theater, a cherished cultural landmark and gathering place that has been an important part of our community for a century.

The Heights Theater opened its doors on October 8, 1926. Over the past 100 years, it has brought generations of residents together through movies, music, and shared experiences. The theater has endured fires, a bombing, the 1949 tornado, changing technology, and the disappearance of many neighborhood movie theaters, yet it has remained a vibrant part of Columbia Heights.

In 1998, Tom Letness purchased and restored the theater, using its original blueprints to help return the Heights to its historic appearance. Today, under the ownership of Ryan Oestreich and Brody Sheldon, the Heights Theater continues to operate as an active movie theater while preserving traditions including 35mm and 70mm film presentations and its Mighty Wurlitzer organ.

The continued success of the Heights Theater is a testament to the enduring value of historic neighborhood theaters and the importance of places where communities gather and create lasting memories. The Heights' 100th anniversary is not only a celebration of its remarkable history, but also of its continued importance to the Columbia Heights community.

The Heights Theater will celebrate its centennial with eight days of special programming from October 1 through October 8, 2026, culminating with its 100th birthday on October 8, 2026.

I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2026, to be Heights Theater Day in the City of Columbia Heights.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
September 28, 2026