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The Turnage Theatre is listed on the National Register and is one of a few buildings in the US where there are two theaters. The Vaudeville theatre upstairs above the Galleries was built in 1913 and is largely intact. In the late 1920's a palace style theatre was added to the back as another building. Built by Mr. Hodges, the building was later named after its present day namesake, owner C.A. (Cat) Turnage.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arts of the Pamlico (AOP) is a state-designated arts council provides cultural opportunities through initiation, support, and presentation of artistic programs in Beaufort & Washington Counties and the surrounding region. AOP offers a wide range of art, educational, entertainment & cultural programs and supports local artists, arts organizations and art stops

The Historic Turnage Theatre is located at 150 West Main Street, Washington, NC 27889.

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**A JOURNEY
BACK IN
TIME AT
THE
HISTORIC
TURNAGE
THEATRE**



VAUDEVILLE THEATRE

Vaudeville is a theatrical genre of variety entertainment. It was especially popular in the United States and Canada from the early 1880s until the early 1930s. A typical vaudeville performance was made up of a series of separate, unrelated acts grouped together on a common bill. Types of acts have included popular and classical musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, trained animals, magicians, strongmen, female and male impersonators, acrobats, illustrated songs, jugglers, one-act plays or scenes from plays, athletes, lecturing celebrities, minstrels, and movies. Vaudeville was one of the most popular types of entertainment in North America for several decades.



Vaudeville groups came to the Turnage Theatre on their entertainment circuit.

During the 1920's silent movies became popular at the Theatre. In the late 1920s movies with sound ("talkies") became popular all over the country. Talkies and their noise from cars on the street led to Cat Turnage building a second theatre, which opened in 1928.

Roy Rogers, pictured above, Red Skelton reportedly performed here. Author Edna Ferber is believed to have visited here. And filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille premiered his film *La Escadrille* in the palace theatre.

ART COUNCIL HISTORY

The Turnage Theatre was purchased by the Beaufort County Arts Council in September 2013.

It opened to the public at the beginning of January 2014 and changed its name to the Arts of the Pamlico.

The Arts of the Pamlico is one the oldest arts councils in the state. With a 47-year history of serving its rural eastern NC.

Housed at the Historic Turnage Theatre, AOP provides a vibrant menu of arts and cultural programming in this historic jewel in downtown Washington, NC.