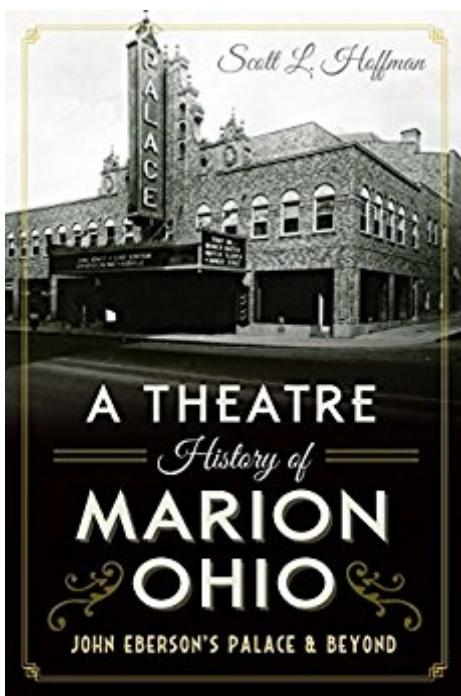


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# Theatre History Of Marion, Ohio, A: John Eberson's Palace & Beyond (Landmarks)



## Synopsis

One of the last remaining atmospheric theatres in the nation, elegant Marion Palace Theatre holds a storied history behind its curtains. From the Wigwam, the Grand Opera House and Germania Park Pavilion to nickelodeons, vaudeville houses and movie theatres, performance has been an essential part of Marion's history, and the Palace is the city's jewel. Designed by renowned theatre architect John Eberson, the Palace opened its doors in 1928 to packed audiences of over three thousand patrons. Author Scott L. Hoffman delves into the life and work of John Eberson and the forgotten stories of the Palace that include a police gambling raid, the construction of the theatre and the stars who performed for dazzled audiences there.

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Theatre architect John Eberson has always been a favorite of mine...and I love his style of atmospheric theatre designs. This book is a must for Eberson fans. Well written and well documented...a great read. The author's description of a picture on page 65 failed to point out that what we see is a newly masked proscenium arch with draperies so that a big CinemaScope screen could be installed. Eberson proscenium arches were usually narrow. This picture should be

compared with that on page 64. Don Bohatka, Member of the Theatre Historical Society and a past Vice President

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