

A revitalized neighborhood landmark

We're returning a dormant building into a valuable cultural asset and a vital community gathering place.



1940

The UCLAN Theater was opened by Frances and Henry Fonda as a venue for live performance, taking its name from its proximity to UCLA.

1940s

Renamed the Crest Theater, it became a venue for neighborhood audiences to watch newsreels charting the progress of WWII.

Post-WWII

After the war, the Crest Theater brought the world to LA in the form of first-run foreign films.



Post 1960

The Crest Theater became a venue for the independent Hollywood films that would define an era.

1980s

Pacific Theaters and Disney purchased and remodeled the theater, adding the Joseph Musil murals depicting LA hotspots of the 1940s.



2008

The neighborhood advocated for historic preservation status, which the theater received in 2008.

2018

After a period of dormancy, UCLA acquired the theater to create an intimately-scaled live performance venue for CAP UCLA.



2023

Re-named for artist, actor, director and philanthropist Leonard Nimoy, the UCLA Nimoy Theater will launch its inaugural season in 2023.

