

## HOW TO STREAMLINE YOUR TOUR NOTES!

### **LOBBY:**

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### **THEATRE HOUSE:**

Ramsdell Theatre Restoration Project  
*A Chinese Honeymoon* Sept. 4, 1903  
1903 – 1909 over 100 shows  
theatre dark in 1918  
1923 Rotary bought it \$25,000  
Dr. Madge Skelly Maniste Drama Festival (summers) in '50s  
MCP formed 1952/ leased building from '74 – '07/now a tenant/5 shows per yr. & children's theater  
Act curtain – Wm. Wilcox Burrigde/ Wizard of Oz NYC sets  
dome & act curtain restored in 2000  
box seats plus 487 other sponsored seats  
light fixtures – original

### **STAGE:**

60' x 38' (80' high) w/ 1 elevated section, 2 trap doors(one off stage left) & 29 line sets  
dressing rooms/make-up downstairs

### **T. WALTER HARDY HALL:**

Over the Hill Gang restored pillars  
original flooring  
home of Manistee Arts Institute

### **HALL LOBBY:**

Ramsdell and Rotary (etched *Rs*)  
recently-installed carpet like original

### **BALLROOM:**

for after-drama galas  
then used as Armory  
then as Manistee Rec. Assoc. basketball, skating, dances  
now proms, receptions, etc.  
no elevator nor kitchen facility originally

### **BEFORE RETURNING TO LOBBY:**

basement is storage, restrooms, rehearsal space, mechanicals  
donor plaques near elevator  
Lysette's *Victorians Entering the Theatre*

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Thank you!  
if they wish...tax deductible check for Ramsdell Theatre Restoration Project or MCP much appreciated!