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# opera house

**The Opera House was originally built in 1895 as an indoor circus. At the turn of the century the Victorians turned it into a Grand Theatre. Over the years its purpose, along with its name, changed to meet local demand: from the Boscombe Ballrooms, to the Hippodrome, to the Academy and Opera House night club.**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2006, the Opera House was re-acquired by the landlords, Solent Leisure Ltd. As a result of this and change in management, it was initially decided to refurbish the existing toilets, re-decorate and re-open the Opera House as a nightclub.



After careful consideration and thought, the client decided to maximise the Opera House's potential by completely refurbishing the building with the restoration of many damaged and missing features, re-opening the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor that has been closed to the public for decades.

o@tes worked closely with the Opera House's interior designer to rapidly produce the interior concept, which envelopes the wonderful Victorian architecture with contemporary interior design, based around an extensive colour change LED lighting scheme.



As the Opera House is a Grade II listed building, o@tes worked closely with the local authority, producing an extensive listed building and building regulation application package. Careful consideration was given to ensure the building's Victorian characteristics were retained and restored. Now completed, the Opera House has become one of the most talked about and up-coming venues in the South. It has been restored with the elegance and grace it was once recognised for in 1895 and will once again be renowned as the multi-purpose venue it was originally design as.

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