

Bedford Playhouse to Reopen

Bedford Playhouse opened in 1947 to much fanfare. At last, the Village of Bedford would have its very own movie palace, featuring a state-of-the-art sound system, air conditioning (a rarity in 1947), and a beautiful exterior. But in early 2015, the doors closed. Bow Tie Cinemas, which had taken over the space from Clearview Cinemas, opted not to renew their lease.



Alchemy Bedford LLC, the owner of the building, contracted Joan Simon of Admiral Real Estate Services Corp. to find a new tenant for the space. Alchemy asked Admiral to try to bring another theater in to the

space, as opposed to another use, because a theater is what the village itself – both the people and the businesses within the community – wanted.

Although Alchemy preferred a theater tenant for the 9,000 square foot space, Admiral also marketed to other uses such as restaurants as possible alternatives or co-tenants.

By May 2015, only four months after Bow Tie's closure, Alchemy had signed a lease with a new state-of-the-art non-profit cinema showing top independent, foreign, documentary and both classic and first-run films. The new Bedford Playhouse has begun renovations on the space and plans to reopen for business in Spring 2016.

Admiral is proud to have been involved in the efforts enabling Bedford Playhouse to resume operations, supporting surrounding businesses and encouraging commerce in the area, helping Alchemy in its efforts to keep a theater operating in Bedford.

The new Bedford Playhouse will be reconstructed to incorporate design elements from the golden age of cinema alongside modern technology and high end concessions and a café selling prepared food. It is expected to be supported by donations and foundation membership fees.