

## CITY OF COOS BAY PRESS RELEASE

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The Historic Preservation League of Oregon (HPLO), a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, announced selection of the 2011 list of Oregon's Most Endangered Places at their benefit luncheon in Portland on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over two dozen nominations were received in March and ten historic places were selected based on cultural and environment importance, and economic asset to the community.

Places selected will receive assistance from HPLO in assessing the challenges, identifying options and resources, and contributing to a preservation plan that benefits the property owner and the community. The City of Coos Bay is pleased to have the Egyptian Theatre included in this year's Most Endangered Places List. The theater was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 2010. Staff will be working closely with HPLO and the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association to preserve the theatre for future generations.

Other endangered historic places selected for the 2011 list are: Baker City Middle School, Baker City; Josiah Burnett House, Eagle Creek; Civic Stadium, Eugene; Dr. Pierce's Barn, Cottage Grove; Ermatinger House, Oregon City; Tillamook Bay Lifesaving Station, Rockaway Beach; Peterson Rock Garden, Redmond; Watson-Price Barn, Philomoth; and Kirk Whited Farmstead, Redmond.

Information and pictures of this year's list of historic places is available on the HPLO's website [www.HistoricPreservationLeague.org](http://www.HistoricPreservationLeague.org) For information about the Historic Preservation League and the Most Endangered Places program contact Peggy Moretti, Executive Director, at 503-243-1923.

For information about the Egyptian Theatre project contact Joyce Jansen, Economic Revitalization Administrator, at 541-269-8924.



The Egyptian Theatre is one of only four Egyptian Revival theaters remaining in the US. The 1925 landmark retains its original décor including two 8' tall pharaoh statues and hand crafted stage backdrops. The theater was closed in March 2011 pending seismic and safety upgrades.