



MICROCOTTA

THE EGYPTIAN THEATER

135 N 2nd St, DeKalb, Illinois

- Replacement of all terra cotta decorative elements with Microcotta.
- Built in 1929. Restoration completed in 1983.
- The 1,430-seat auditorium was added to the National Register in 1978. Although the DeKalb Egyptian Theatre is one of up to one hundred Egyptian-style theatres built during the early 20th century, it is believed to be one of only six remaining in the United States.



Microcotta is a non-structural replacement for traditional building materials.

It is a polymer resin composite that combines with inert, inorganic aggregates to form a fire-resistant building material that is suited for economical cast replications of architectural ornamentation. It can be used to replicate terra-cotta, stone, cast stone, slate, brick, cast iron and other ornamental façade components with sharp detail and a wide color range.

Microcotta was first developed in 1978. To date it has been installed as a replacement material in restoration on more than eighty-five structures in the United States. The use and application of the material goes beyond historic work as it has been used in new-build work as well.



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