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**CAMDEN PALACE THEATRE**

**List Entry Summary**

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: CAMDEN PALACE THEATRE

List entry Number: 1272425

**Location**

CAMDEN PALACE THEATRE, CAMDEN HIGH STREET

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Greater London Authority

District: Camden

District Type: London Borough

Parish:

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 28-Jun-1972

Date of most recent amendment: 11-Jan-1999

**Legacy System Information**

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**List entry Description**

**Summary of Building**

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

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**History**

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**Details**

CAMDEN

TQ2983SW CAMDEN HIGH STREET 798-1/83/150 (East side) 28/06/72 Camden Palace Theatre (Formerly Listed as: CAMDEN HIGH STREET Camden Theatre)

GV II

Theatre, now a night-club. 1900-1. By WGR Sprague. Some late C20 alterations. Decoration by Waring & Gillow. Stucco front (ground floor painted) and 1 bay of return; red brick return. Symmetrical facade in Baroque pastiche style. EXTERIOR: 4 main storeys. 5 bays. Single storey entrance foyer with pilasters supporting entablature and blocking course. Round-arched openings (outer bays blocked) with pilasters supporting architraved heads with keystones. Part-glazed double doors. Centre bays of upper floors with tetrastyle in antis Ionic screen rising through 2nd and 3rd floors to support entablature with paired ogee pediments and parapet. Behind this, a large copper dome. Flanking bays pilastered with bowed angles. 1st floor round-arched windows, 2nd square-headed, 3rd keyed oculi; this treatment repeated on 1st return bay. Ground floor return with 2 doorways having Ionic pilasters supporting entablatures with pediments; panelled double wooden doors. INTERIOR: symmetrically planned with elaborate foyer behind main entrance with Ionic pilasters and moulded ceilings. Overmantel with bronze bas relief plaque of Ellen Terry. Cantilevered dress circle and balcony, now without seats and with steps to ground floor. Lightly modelled plaster work by Waring & Gillow in a mixture of baroque and rococo ornament. Marble proscenium arch surmounted by segmental pediment with recumbent figures and, within the tympanum, a mask surrounded by rays. 4 bays on either side of proscenium with marble Corinthian columns. Within 3 of the bays, 6 boxes in 2 tiers, the upper boxes with canopies; lower boxes supported by columns carried on caryatids. Balcony fronts with rococo motifs. Ceiling supported on brackets within the cove above entablature and with a large oval centrepiece having a shallow dome. HISTORICAL NOTE: formally opened by the actress Ellen Terry in December 1900 as the Royal Camden Theatre to show a wide range of productions from Shakespeare to pantomime and opera to musical comedy. Later used as a cinema and a BBC recording studio. Originally with sculptured statues on parapets.

(Curtains!!! Or a New Life for Old Theatres: London: 1982-).

Listing NGR: TQ2923883414

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