**PHOENIX THEATRE**

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**Overview**

Heritage Category:

Listed Building

Grade:

II

List Entry Number:

1242926

Date first listed:

23-Oct-1973

Statutory Address:

PHOENIX THEATRE, CHARING CROSS ROAD

**Map**

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**Location**

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PHOENIX THEATRE, CHARING CROSS ROAD

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

County:

Greater London Authority

District:

Camden (London Borough)

National Grid Reference:

TQ 29908 81178

**Details**

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CAMDEN, CHARING CROSS ROAD (East side), Phoenix Theatre   
  
23/10/73  
  
GV II  
  
Theatre. 1929-30. By Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Cecil Masey & Bertie Crewe. For Sydney Bernstein. Interior by Theodore Komisarjevsky. Stucco with brick and stone. EXTERIOR: facades to Charing Cross Road and Phoenix Street. Charing Cross Road facade on a curved corner with Corinthian columns from 1st to 2nd floors, curved entablature, attic storey with 7 deeply recessed rectangular lights and enriched architraves, those at right and left projecting. Cornice and pantiled roof. Ground floor has 2 pairs of enriched 2-leaf doors, each with 14 bevelled lights. Facade to Phoenix Street ground floor has 3 pairs of enriched 2-leaf doors, each with bevelled lights and decorative fanlights, recessed between decorative metal grilles, to either side of which timber panelled 2-leaf doors recessed in brick architraves. Continuous metal balcony at first floor level. Central feature of stone with 3 round-headed windows, from 1st to 2nd floors, with moulded architraves on Ionic twisted columns and a balcony. To either side, fluted, paired pilasters. Above, a richly decorated entablature, modillioned cornice, blocking course and 4 brick dormers. Flanking this feature, in brick, at 1st floor level, 12-light metal casement windows with brick pediment over, at 2nd floor level, 12-light metal windows with brick lugged architrave. INTERIOR: of elaborate Renaissance design, both auditorium and foyer with painted panels by Vladimir Polunin. The elaborately painted safety curtain forms the fourth wall of the auditorium decoration and is a key part of the composition. HISTORICAL NOTE: the interior decoration of this theatre, well-preserved, anticipates Bernstein's patronage of Komisarjevsky and Polunin in his subsequent 'Granada' chain of cinemas.   
  
  
  
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