

# HISTORY OF WHITE EAGLE HALL

White Eagle Hall (WEH) opened in 1910, constructed by polish immigrants and craftsmen under the leadership of Father Peter Boleslaus Kwiatowski, who was driven from his native Poland by Russian occupiers just before the turn of the 20th century. During the depression, but before his death in 1934, Kwiatowski transferred the ownership of WEH to St. Anthony's. The parish managed the venue throughout the 20th century — in addition to church-related and other community activities. By preserving the historic integrity of the building while enhancing the audience experience with the latest in sound & lighting technology as well as amenities WEH is a theater, performance, concert and event venue for the 21st century. Embedded in the WEH ceiling are two spectacular, hand-crafted stain-glass skylights — one commemorating Frédéric Chopin, the classical music composer, and the other Marcella Sembrich, an internationally renowned opera star — she sang 11 seasons with New York Metropolitan Opera. Perhaps WEH's most famous achievement is the facility's unique contribution to Basketball, the St. Anthony Friars, the basketball team of St. Anthony High School. Bob Hurley — Jersey City native — was the coach of this legendary team. Dozens of students under Hurley's tutelage earned basketball scholarships to attend colleges and university and went on to play on major league teams. Hurley was the first High School Coach to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. The original wood basketball floor where the Friars had their famous practice are now used as bar counters and balcony flooring; wood fixtures from Saint Boniface Church (constructed in 1865), can be found in the window frames, bar sides and balcony railings and ledges; Boniface altar fixtures can also be seen in the box office/merchandise area. The WEH restoration project followed the latest in sustainable building practices, repurposing materials from the original construction by Ben LoPiccolo Development Group, LLC (BLDG) and its restoration was completed in 2016.



### **CAPACITY**

White Eagle Hall capacity is approximately 400 seated theater style, 800 standing or 200-250 seated banquet style. A balcony level with beautiful views flanks the inner perimeter of the hall that may be used for extra seating.

### **SYSTEMS & AMENITIES**



The White Eagle Hall restoration project was comprehensive and included equipping the new venue with the latest in sound & light technology capabilities. WEH features three separate bars and six different beers on tap. WEH features: 28.-ft. high ceilings; 25-ft. proscenium stage, 30-ft. wide x 25-ft. deep. with two levels of back-stage areas, including fully-equipped dressing rooms. WEH has been outfitted with the latest sound technology, creating a nearly echo-free atmosphere with enhanced aural clarity. Features include: sound isolation springs in floors and walls; custom-fabricated sound diffusion and absorption panels on ceilings; sound isolations springs on the Roof Top HVAC unit, eliminating the noise from air conditioning or heating. Through a system of sound absorption, isolation and diffusion, WEH achieves 1.2 millisecond level of sound decay, one of the highest industry standards. WEH is equipped with the latest generation, d&b audiotechnik PA system, considered state-of-the art and is the most sought after system by musicians and other performers. The system features a total of four 18-inch Subwoofers, two beneath the stage and two flown boxes, resulting in a full range of coverage throughout the WEH; even the low-end sound can be heard on the balcony level. WEH's POE LED House lights have full color spectrum capability. The LED Theatrical lights feature state-of-the-art intelligent lighting, but also have analog dimming flexibility for "old school" lighting effects.

# **DOWNTOWN JERSEY CITY**

White Eagle Hall is located at the heart of Jersey City in the Village Neighborhood. Along the way from Grove Street PATH along restaurant row is the pedestrian plaza as well as a great variety of incredible restaurants and shops. Jersey City is famed for being the most diverse city in the country. One of the most incredible things that you will see in Jersey City is a huge commitment to arts and culture, many events are hosted in downtown JC all year long.



### TRAVEL & PARKING

White Eagle Hall is located in the heart of Jersey City, nestled between two easily accessible NYNJ PATH train lines at Journal Square (JSQ) and Grove Street. Once off the Grove Street PATH stop, it is a quick walk along Restaurant Row on Newark Avenue to our venue. There is some street parking in the area and we can also recommend a valet service at your request.

# **DEPOSITS & CANCELLATION**

We require a deposit of 25% to secure the space for your event. Deposits are payable by cash or check. Balance of contract is due 30 days prior to the event date. Cash is preferred for the gratuity portion of the bill. If cancellation is given 60 or more days prior, a refund less \$500 will be issued. Cancellation must be given in writing. Date of receipt of written notice is date of cancellation.

