

Rialto theater opens in downtown Bozeman

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View from the second floor bar of the Rialto Theater in downtown Bozeman.

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The Rialto theater will open its doors to hundreds of people for a sold-out show at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Indie-rock band Hippo Campus will take the stage at 8 p.m.

NBC Montana took a tour of the three-level venue. The theater is home to a stage for bands and musicians, with a bar overlooking downtown that will serve beer, wine and cocktails. There is also a space for local artists to showcase their work.

General manager Matthew Beehler told NBC Montana the bar will seat about 40 people.

He said the money spent on local art will go directly toward the artist.

After two years of planning and construction, Beehler is ready to open the Rialto's doors to the public.

“For us it’s surreal,” Beehler said. “It’s been a long process.”

Beehler hopes the theater will bring more business to downtown Bozeman.

"This is going to be an uplifting experience, not only for the guests that come inside these doors, but for all of the shopkeepers, the coffee shops, the restaurants, the bookstores, retail up and down Main Street," Beehler said. "Not that you need another great excuse to come downtown and hit Main Street, but we've just presented one."

Beehler said the theater will host meetings, banquets and fundraisers in addition to entertainers.

"We are going to open these doors and have TED Talks and poetry and book readings. This is really a space that allows for endless number of possibilities," Beehler said. "We're open to new ideas."

Beehler said the Rialto will offer tickets ranging from \$16 to \$80.

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