

Step Back in Time By Maeve Clow



Outside the famous Senator

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The lobby

The famous Senator Movie theatre is located close on York Road, just a quick and cheap uber ride away. The Senator was built in 1939 and has not changed a lot.

The full experience

The Senator Movie Theatre is located on York Road. If you live on the freshman side of campus, it is a short walk and an even shorter uber ride. An uber ride there can vary in cost ranging from five dollars to ten dollars. When splitting that between you and three friends, it costs almost nothing. Getting to the Senator is less expensive than going to the Inner Harbor or Federal Hill. Saving money is crucial in college, which makes this a practical trip to take.

As you approach the Senator, your eyes are instantly drawn to what lies at your feet. You may

Renovations have been made, but The Senator is an old-time classic movie theatre at its core. The theatre still stands today because of the love the Baltimore community

think *what could possibly make someone look at the pavement?* The sidewalk is covered in bright pastel colors, creating a “walk of fame” featuring famous movies.

While still outside you can buy your ticket at the booth. For only nine dollars you are given the opportunity to experience this beautiful theatre.

As you open the doors to the movie theatre, you no longer feel like you are in the present year. The first room is a waiting area that displays a lot of character through the art and décor. The wood-paneled wall is filled with movie posters and above

shows. When The Senator was threatened with closure in 2009, the whole city rallied to save it. This iconic theatre is now ranked one of the best theatres in the country.

that is a mural that wraps around the wall. The mural shows us an elegant carousel with an interesting theme, Ancient Greece.

Pushing past the doors leads you to the concessions. One wall is lined with antique yellow wallpaper and the other has wood paneling. The classic red carpet lies beneath your feet adding that final touch of old Hollywood. The concession stand itself is simple and only offers a few items like popcorn, candy, and Coca-Cola products. The prices are cheap making it almost irresistible to not buy popcorn as you enjoy your movie.

Watching your movie in luxury

The movie theatre has four different auditoriums. Theatre 1 was built in 1939 and restored in 2013. The room is huge and can seat up to 736 people. The theatre even has private screening rooms. It also has a massive screen that ensures a great view for the whole audience.

The other three theatres still give off a nostalgic

feel and are also very nice. Two of the additions are small intimate theatres. They only seat 60 or fewer people.

Each room is decorated with patterned wallpaper, a red carpet, big red chairs, and beautiful light fixtures. Each theatre is modeled to represent an old-time theatre, but that does not mean you will be sitting in an

uncomfortable chair with no leg room.

The big red chairs that you sit in are plush, can recline, and are spacious. Some of the seats even have tables in front of them to place your popcorn. The theatre creates a very comfortable atmosphere for you to enjoy your movie.



My friend getting food at Belvedere Square Market

Why I love going

As a freshman, I have gone to a couple of movies at The Senator. The first time I went was with my Messina. It was a wonderful evening that included a trip to Belvedere Square Market. Belvedere Square Market is only across the street and it such a cute area. Inside you'll find a bunch of small food shops, including a juice bar, an Italian place, and a pizza place. The whole place has a rustic feel and is a great place to catch dinner before or after your movie.

My friends and I also enjoy going to movies. In the beginning of the year two of my friends and I were bored and feeling homesick during the day on a Saturday. We decided to go out and do something instead of sitting in our dorms doing nothing. After taking an uber to the Senator, we went to see the movie *A Star is Born*. The movie was long, but I felt comfortable in my chair and had delicious buttery popcorn to snack on. My friend Mary said "Going

to the Senator was so nice because it felt comforting to do something normal I would do at home."

Watching one of the year's best movies in one of the country's best movie theatres makes for an unforgettable day.

There was another time my friends and I were bored on a Friday night. We googled the movie times and saw that the brand new movie *Us* was playing and it was its opening weekend. We all piled into an uber that only cost us each \$1.50 and adventured to the movies. We got into the large theatre and found seats that had a table in front of them. We thought it was so funny and felt we were getting the full "VIP experience." We put our feet up and enjoyed the movie in style. I got to see



The beautiful mural

the movie basically before everyone else.

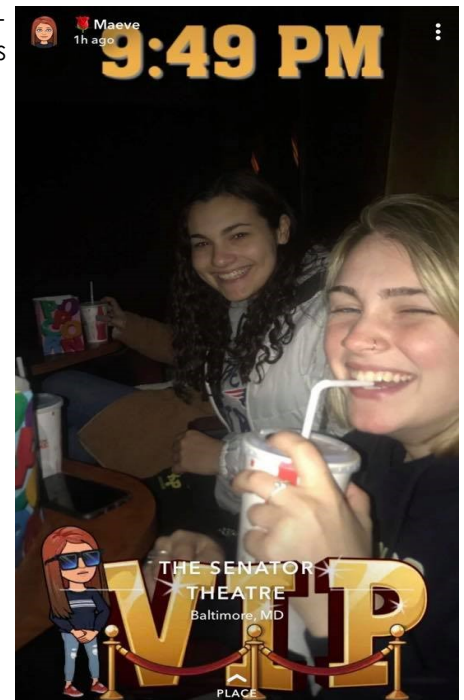
Having the movie theatre nearby makes it almost impossible to be bored and have nothing to do. It is not expensive, it is close by, and gives you a great time!

Going to school in Baltimore has its benefits, and being able to take trips like this surely is one of them.

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Mary Sullivan '22

Step back in time as you go into The Senator, and you will truly begin to experience Baltimore!



My friends and I enjoying the full Senator experience with popcorn and sodas.