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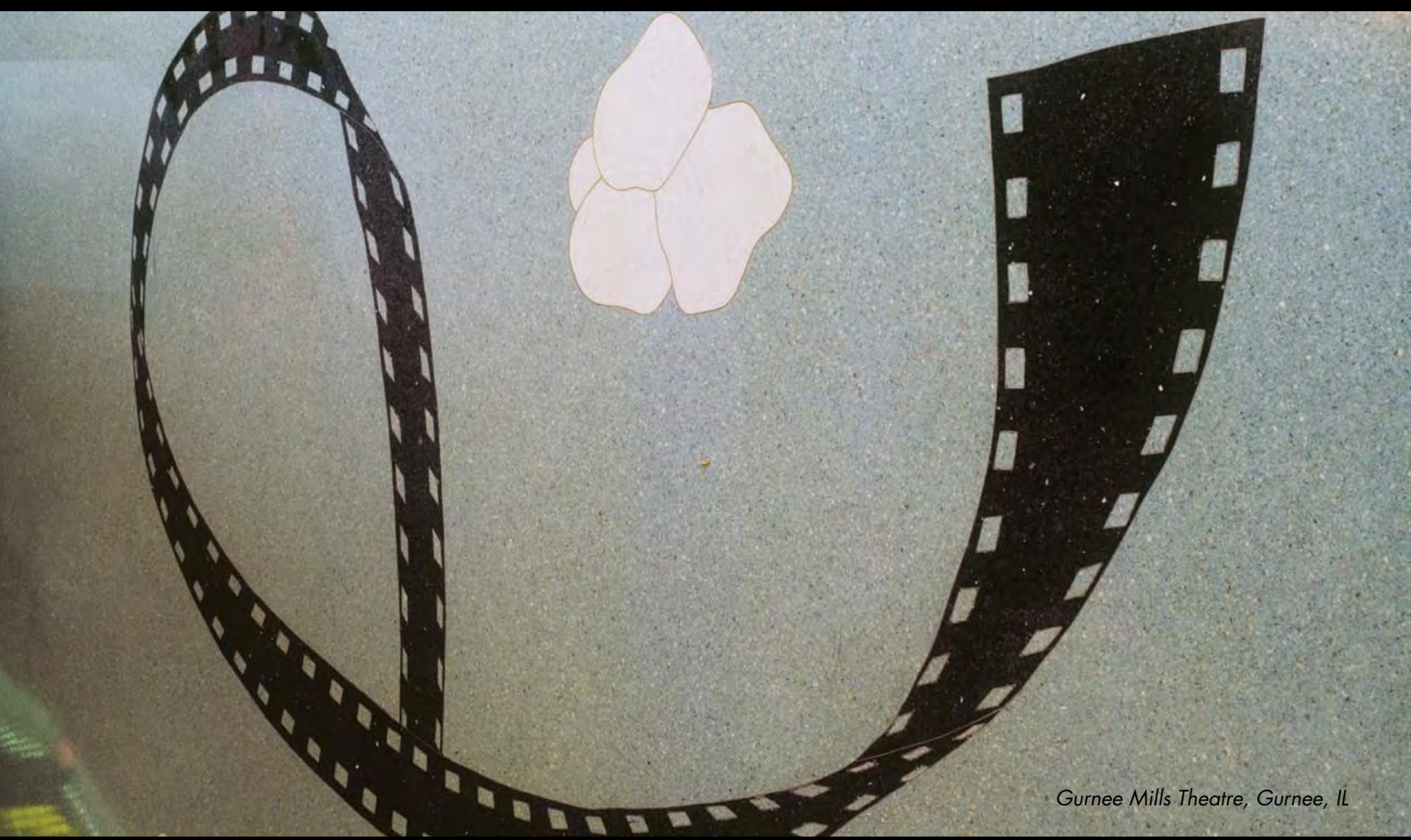
Showtime forever.  
Terrazzo in the theatre.



*Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL  
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*Gurnee Mills Theatre, Gurnee, IL*

If there were Academy Awards for beautiful, durable and cost-efficient commercial flooring, terrazzo would win the Oscar every year. Picture the queues of people going in and out of a movie theatre; your concern is for a floor standing up to heavy foot traffic. No concerns are necessary; terrazzo is perhaps the most durable... and, dependable floor covering material ever used. And, maintaining a terrazzo floor is as easy... or, easier... than doing so for any other flooring. These and many other reasons are why terrazzo continues to have repeat performances worldwide.

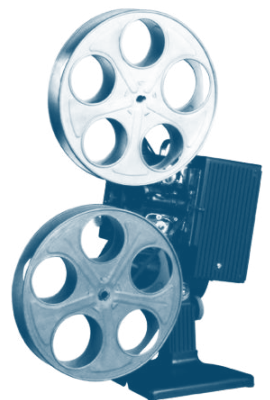




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When it comes to strong and colorful applications, the epoxy method is called upon. Covering a level substrate with just a 1/4" or 3/8" thick resin matrix terrazzo veneer results in decades of stunning, durable flooring. Traditionally specified with marble chips, today's terrazzo flooring features glass, granite or synthetic aggregate to create brilliant colors with the same high levels of chemical resistance. Clearly, the best "thin-set" system.

Or, select the tried-and-true "sand cushion" system. Consisting of a cement matrix topping underbed with a wire-mesh reinforcing isolation sheet, and a sand layer system, this method will absorb minor substrate defects and prevent them from telegraphing to the surface. The traditional matrix, Portland cement, the either less-expensive gray or more versatile white, still offers the correct structural properties while conforming to strict ASTM standards.

Today's movie theatres need more than just a big screen with beautiful cinematic images to bring in the crowds. A highly durable terrazzo floor will pay back dividends, as well. Specify terrazzo; expect outstanding performances.



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