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A HUNDRED YEARS OF HORSES. may the Historic Horse Stadium never be put out to pasture.



The first phase of construction was completed in time for the 1918 edition of the fair, which focused on the construction of the impressive wood truss roof support superstructure and vertical support posts surrounding the arena. A year later the balance of construction was completed with the addition of permanent seating and walkways.

News archives from those early days reveal that Fair leadership bragged that the Stadium's roof truss system — which allows the center ring to be free of structural supports — was “the largest spanned roof on the Pacific Coast.”

Such is the legacy of statewide pride in this rare structure, with its brick walls, wooden cornice, two-tiered clerestory (originally for natural light and ventilation), and elegant arched bays. It's a legacy worth preserving, and that's exactly what WE intend to do.

THIS BUILDING IS A TOUGH OLD BIRD. we aim to protect the Poultry Building like a mother hen.

The Poultry Building made its official debut during the 1921 Oregon State Fair, described at the time as magnificent and modern. Its striking Spanish Colonial Revival style of architecture was unique to Oregon and rare in America.

The walls consist of structural terracotta tile coated with stucco, which combine with the terracotta tiles along the 5-foot parapet to give the building a slight Mission flavor. The exterior is decorated with unforgettable busts of roosters, which originally also served as flag stanchions.

Perhaps even more impressive, the interior is unique for its laminated wood truss system—a series of eight barrel-arched trusses—that supports the clerestory roof. The resulting visual impact was and is one of rustic elegance. Our restoration goal is to rediscover that same elegance, now faded by time.



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by donating today.**

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