

# The Sunnybrook Ballroom: A Legendary Landmark Restored to Its Former Glory by Thomas Sephakis

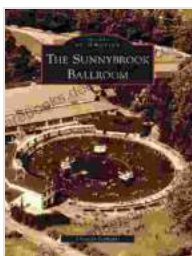


Step back in time to the glamorous era of big bands and glittering ballrooms. Nestled in the heart of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the

Sunnybrook Ballroom has been meticulously restored to its former glory, thanks to the vision and dedication of Thomas Sephakis. This iconic venue has played host to countless memorable events, from weddings and proms to concerts and fundraisers.

## A Historic Legacy

The Sunnybrook Ballroom's history dates back to 1926, when it was built as a roller skating rink. In the 1930s, it was transformed into a ballroom and quickly became a popular destination for dancing and live music. The ballroom's grand design, with its soaring ceilings and Art Deco flourishes, became an architectural landmark.



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Over the years, the Sunnybrook Ballroom hosted a who's who of musical legends, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Duke Ellington. It also played a role in Philadelphia's social history, hosting countless weddings, proms, and other special events.

## Decline and Restoration

In the latter half of the 20th century, the Sunnybrook Ballroom fell into disrepair. The building was abandoned and vandalized, and its once-grand interior was left in ruins. However, in 2014, Thomas Sephakis, a renowned preservationist and developer, purchased the property with the goal of restoring it to its former glory.

Sephakis assembled a team of experts to carefully restore the ballroom's architectural details, including its original plasterwork, chandeliers, and terrazzo flooring. The ballroom's grand staircase was rebuilt, and the original bandstand was meticulously restored.

### **Rebirth of a Landmark**

In 2016, the restored Sunnybrook Ballroom reopened its doors to the public. The venue has been hailed as a stunning success, attracting rave reviews from guests and critics alike. The ballroom has once again become a popular destination for weddings, proms, and other special events. It has also hosted concerts, fundraisers, and corporate gatherings.

The Sunnybrook Ballroom's restoration is a testament to the power of preservation and the importance of preserving our architectural heritage. Thanks to the vision of Thomas Sephakis, generations to come will be able to enjoy this iconic landmark.

### **Thomas Sephakis: A Visionary Preserver**

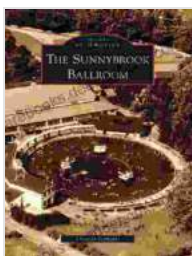
Thomas Sephakis is a renowned preservationist and developer who has played a pivotal role in revitalizing historic properties throughout Philadelphia. He is the founder and president of the development firm, The Sephakis Companies. Sephakis is known for his meticulous attention to

detail and his commitment to preserving the architectural integrity of historic buildings.

In addition to the Sunnybrook Ballroom, Sefhakis has restored numerous other historic properties in Philadelphia, including the Curtis Building, the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and the John Wanamaker Building. He has also developed new residential and commercial properties that are sensitive to the historic character of their surroundings.

Sefhakis's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Preservation Alliance of Philadelphia's Otis Elevator Grand Prize and the American Institute of Architects' Honor Award. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Sunnybrook Ballroom is a shining example of how historic landmarks can be restored to their former glory. Thanks to the vision of Thomas Sefhakis, this iconic venue has been reborn as a beloved destination for special events and cultural gatherings. The Sunnybrook Ballroom is a testament to the power of preservation and the importance of preserving our architectural heritage for generations to come.



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