

Mather, Andrew William 1891 - 1938

Andrew William Mather [commonly known as Andrew Mather] was born in Greenwich, London, England on 14 April 1891 and practised as an architect from c.1918 onwards.

Mather was admitted a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1925 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1934. His address was given as 38 John Street, Bedford Row, London in 1926 and Leicester Square Chamber, London in 1936. He died in Southwark, London in December 1938.

Worked in

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Works

In the 1930s Mather was one of the principal architects for the Odeon cinema chain. Among buildings he designed for them were the Odeon cinema in St. Georges Road, Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex (1934), the Odeon cinema in Cliffe High Street, Lewes, Sussex (1934), the Odeon cinema in Cherrydown Avenue, London (1935), the Odeon cinema in Upper High Street, Guildford, Surrey (1935), the Odeon cinema in Avenue Road, Herne Bay, Kent (1936), the Odeon cinema in High Street, Littlehampton (1936), the Odeon cinema in King Street, Ramsgate, Kent (1936), the Odeon cinema in Queen's Street, Deal, Kent (1936), the Odeon cinema in Market Place, Faversham, Kent (1936), the Odeon cinema in High Street, Ashford, Kent (1936), the Odeon cinema in Pyle Street, Newport, Monmouthshire (1936), the Odeon cinema in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire (1936), the Odeon cinema in Portsmouth, Hampshire (1936), the Rex cinema in Northwood Hills, London (1936) [although built for the Odeon chain, this cinema was never operated by the company], the Odeon cinema in Well Hall Road, Eltham, London (1936), the Odeon cinema in Russell Street, Brighton, Sussex (1937), the Odeon cinema in Festing Road, Southsea, Hampshire (1937), the Odeon cinema in Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire (1937), the Odeon cinema in Station Road, South Norwood, London (1937), the Odeon cinema in High Street, Penge, London (1937), the Odeon cinema in Romford Road, Forest Gate, London (1937), the Odeon cinema in West Street, Brighton, Sussex (1937), the Odeon cinema in Leicester Square, London (with Harry Weedon, 1937), the Odeon cinema in London Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk (1937), the Odeon cinema in

High Street, Peckham, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in Mile End Road, Mile End, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in Barking Road, in East Ham, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in High Street, Uxbridge, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in Burns Statue Square, Ayr, Scotland (1938), the Odeon cinema in Station Road, Redhill, Surrey (1938), the Odeon cinema in Dunstable Road, Luton, Bedfordshire (1938), the Odeon cinema in Hackney Road, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in Eltham Hill, London (1938), the Odeon cinema in Croydon Road, Elmers End, Beckenham, Kent (opened 1939), the Odeon cinema in Barking Road, Canning Town, London (opened 1939), the Odeon cinema in Denmark Hill, Camberwell, London (opened 1939), and the Odeon cinema in Stamford Road, Dalston, London (opened 1939).

Mather also designed the Carshalton United Methodist church in Ruskin Road, Carshalton, Surrey (c.1926). A photograph of the decorative lighting scheme designed by Mather for the Odeon Cinema in Camberwell, London is illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1940 (p122).

Bibliography

'Obituary'. Architects' Journal vol. 88, 17 November 1938 p.789

'Obituary'. RIBA Journal vol. 46, 19 December 1938 p.203

Links

- Cinema Treasures - Movie Theaters Designed by Andrew Mather
<http://cinematreasures.org/architects/77>
- Manchester History net - Odeon Leicester Square, London
<https://manchesterhistory.net/architecture/1930/odeonleicestersq.html>
- Chris Leadbeater. 'Glorious ghosts of yesteryear - in search of London's 'lost' Art Deco cinemas' The Telegraph 30 January 2019
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/united-kingdom/england/london/articles/in-search-london-lost-art-deco-cinema/>
- flickr. Penge Odeon 1990. Opened in 1937, architect Andrew Mather
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/stagedoor/8066043665>
- Chester Cinemas - Odeon Leicester Square, London. Architects: Andrew Mather/ Harry Weedon & assistants of both practices.
<https://www.chestercinemas.co.uk/odeon-cinema-leicester-square-london/>
- Historic England - Odeon Cinema, Cherrydown Avenue, Chingford, London
<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/educational-images/odeon-cinema-cherrydown-avenue-chingford-london-3599>
- Historic England - Coronet Cinema, Greenwich
<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1213615>

- Historic England - Royal Cinema, Faversham, Kent

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