

# THE SPHYNX BUILDING

**537 SE ALDER ST** 

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**ADDRESS | 537 SE ALDER ST** PORTLAND, OR

YEAR BUILT

1931

BUILDING **SIZE** 

Total Building Size | 18,248 SF

Main First Floor 6,905 SF

*Including:* 

East Side Space | 950 SF

Assembly Area 4,000 SF

2nd Floor | 2.482 SF

3rd Floor | 2,835 SF Basement | 6.023 SF

Outdoor 4,563 SF

**LOT SIZE** 

13,224 SF

ZONING

EXd

**HISTORIC** 

Art Deco era property, formerly a funeral

**PROPERTY** 

home with large chapel

**PRICING** 

Please call for pricing



This stunning historic property in Portland's Central Eastside features exposed brick and timber, beautiful stained glass and an amazing opportunity for outdoor space; this property is for sale or for lease. The current owner has completed demolition of the former build out and has permit ready drawings for a large scale renovation. This offering is perfect for an event space, restaurant and bar and/or creative space projects.

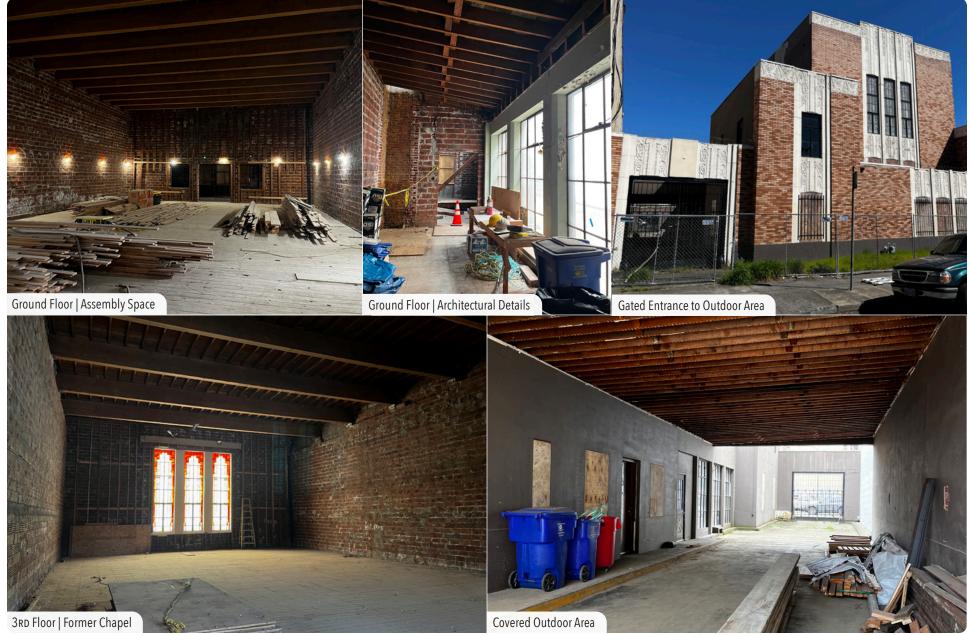


### **BUILDING HISTORY**

Originally dubbed The East Side Funeral Directors Building or East Side Mortuary, the building was constructed in 1931 and designed by Thomas and Mercier - a local architectural firm that designed a number of Art Deco and Exotic Revival style buildings throughout the city. Built in the finest tradition of 30's era funeral homes, it is a well-preserved example of a "dignified death palace". The building has a distinctive stepped back plan with exuberant polychrome brick and cast stone decorative features. The prominent corner entrance is noteworthy with its curvilinear floral motifs which are repeated at the cornice line. The building is an important visual element in the heart of the area's historic commercial core.



## **BUILDING PHOTOS** THE SPHYNX BUILDING



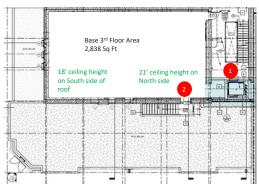
# CONCEPTUAL SITE PLANS THE SPHYNX BUILDING

# Basement Area 6,023 Sq Ft 9'6" ceiling height throughout

### Basement Plan –With 10' Existing Ceiling Height

### Gross Area = 6,023 Sq Ft

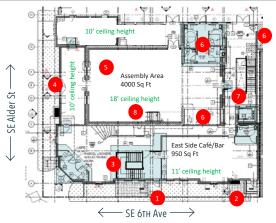
- 1- New Stairs into Basement Area
- 2- Elevator/Stair to All 4 Floors
- 3- Electrical/Sprinkler/Janitor
- Storage
- 5- Main Basement Assembly Area



### 3rd Floor Plan

### Gross Area = 2,838 sq ft

- 1- Elevator/Stair to All 4 Floors
- 2- Stairs to East Side Open Space Area and SE Alder/SE 6<sup>th</sup> Lobby Area



Mezzanine

1,066 Sq Ft

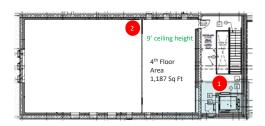
9' ceiling height

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East Side Open Space

### 537 SE Alder – Main Floor Plan Gross Area = 6,905 Sq Ft

- 1- East Side Café/Bar Entrance from SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue with ADA ramp
- 2- East Side Café/Bar Exit to SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 3- New Stairs into Basement Area
- 4- Foyer Assembly Area
- 5- Main Assembly Area
- 6 Possible Bathroom locations
- 7 Stair and Elevator Tower Access to All 4 Floors
- 8- Stairs to Assembly Mezzanine



### 4th Floor Plan

### Gross Area = 1,187 sq ft

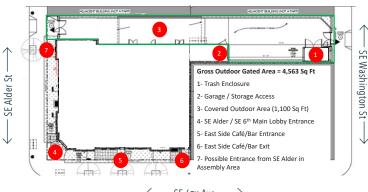
- 1- Elevator/Stair to All 4 Floors
- 2- Possible Stairs to 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Area Below (2,525 Sq Ft)



### Gross Area = 3,548 sq ft

- 1- Assembly Mezzanine Stairs to Main Assembly Area on Main Floor
- 2- Elevator/Stair to All 4 Floors
- 3- East Side Open Space Plan
- 4- Stairs from East Side Open Space Plan to Elevator and Stair Landing Area – Access to Assembly Mezzanine Area

### Outdoor Gated Breezeway Area = Length of Property (North to South) from SE Alder to SE Washington













Encompassing over 700 acres directly across the Willamette River from Downtown, the neighborhood fosters a culture of creativity by fusing historic industrial buildings with innovative, modern mixed-use developments. Many of the city's top restaurants and boutiques creating a unique, ecletic neighborhood synergy with activity throughout the day. Visitors and employees of the district can easily walk/bike to the Eastbank Esplanade to enjoy some of the city's only public accesses to the river. The area is highly accessible by car, bike and public transit with the streetcar running the full length of the neighborhood, plus the convergence of many bus lines in the area.



