

There's No Business Like It

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In the mid 1990s, theater operator Rene Brunet purchased the Prytania Theatre on Prytania Street in the uptown neighborhood, saving it "from the wrecking ball" and preserving it as the last remaining neighborhood movie house in New Orleans.

Barely more than a mile from the Tulane campus, the Prytania is a popular venue with students, who take advantage of the theater's showings of both new and classic films.

Today, the 89-year-old Brunet is still actively involved in the day-to-day running of the Prytania, operating it with his son Robert. Regular moviegoers are accustomed to being greeted at the door by Rene, who in this video shares thoughts about the movie business.



The Prytania Theatre is one of the nation's few remaining independently owned neighborhood theaters. Owner Rene Brunet talks about the business in this multimedia presentation by Nick Marinello.