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Todmorden Hippodrome Theatre: January 2012

Opened in 1908, Todmorden's Hippodrome theatre has been an integral part of the town's community for over a century.

Over that time the theatre has hosted plays, silent movies, and musical acts. Now the theatre boasts a bespoke front-of house curtain and proscenium manufactured by J&C Joel, and is ready to stage to a new generation of performances.

Manufactured from non-durably flame retardant marine Velvet Velour (VEL010), the Hippodrome's front of house curtains measure 7.2 metres wide with a depth of 2.45 metres and are finished with gold tasseling on their bottom edges.

J&C Joel also manufactured a proscenium header, also made of marine Velvet Velour to hang above the curtains decorated with an appliqué showing the number 1908, the year the theatre was opened. The design of the appliqué was inspired by the theatre's plasterwork and was made up of more than 200 individual pieces of stage satin in three custom dyed shades of gold.



Marine Velvet Velour (VEL010) front of house curtain and proscenium set in place at Todmorden's Hippodrome Theatre and, inset, a close up of the appliqué that was inspired by the theatre's plasterwork and crafted using more than 200 individual pieces of custom dyed gold Stage Satin.

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