



In Appreciation of Your Service  
The Mayor and City Council of the City of Seattle  
cordially invite you to attend the  
**DEDICATION CEREMONIES**  
of  
**SEATTLE CENTER**  
Monday April 29th  
Theater Building and Spring  
Street at 10:30 in the morning  
at the Minor Street entrance  
of the Open House

LETTER  
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to the Auditorium to be erected  
for the purpose of housing the  
Seattle Symphony Orchestra  
and to provide a place for  
concerts and other public  
gatherings of a high order.  
The estimated cost of the  
structure is \$1,500,000. The  
estimated cost of the  
auditorium is \$1,000,000.  
The estimated cost of the  
theater building is \$500,000.  
The estimated cost of the  
spring street is \$100,000.  
The estimated cost of the  
minor street is \$100,000.  
The estimated cost of the  
open house is \$100,000.  
The estimated cost of the  
entire project is \$3,200,000.  
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City of Seattle

**2004**  
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6000 People Hear  
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Orchestra

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MAY 10th 1928

WHAT THE AUDITORIUM MEANS TO SEATTLE.

OFFICIAL guests - FRIENDS - OFFICIERS:

We are gathered here today to perform a ceremony which in itself is not particularly beautiful nor fraught with special interest but which marks another milestone in the life of Seattle and the growth and development of her community life and community expression.

Today Seattle feels that she is about to arrive at the goal for which she has striven for many years - years of unfulfilled desires, years of struggles and upward reachings which met defeat time after time. Now we are so near our goal that nothing but a cataclysm of nature can prevent our ultimate success.

The dedication which will follow the completion of this building will mark the final step in the establishment of a forum for interchange of civic thought and civic enterprise. This forum having been created, the next step

CITY OF SEATTLE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
GREATEST PROPOSAL - CONTRACT & SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
AUDITORIUM - ARENA & RECREATION FIELD.  
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SEATTLE YEAR BOOK  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
MAYOR BERTHA K. LANDES  
June 8, 1927  
Bertha K. Landes  
BERTHA K. LANDES,  
Mayor

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*Seattle, Washington*

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**2004 Adopted Budget**

**Ordinance 121333**



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**CITY OF SEATTLE  
2004 ADOPTED BUDGET**

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### **On the Cover**

In January 2002, the Seattle Center Opera House was demolished to make way for the new Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. During demolition, workers discovered a time capsule that had been sealed at the 1928 dedication of the original building, which served as Seattle's first Civic Auditorium and was renovated in 1962 to become the Opera House.

Some of the items from the 1928 time capsule are shown in this photomontage (clockwise from top left):

- Letter box containing sweetbrier seeds from the garden of Seattle pioneer Louisa Boren Denny (Mrs. David T. Denny), who brought the seeds from Illinois
- April 16, 1889, map (in blueprint) of David T. Denny's Home Addition, which deeded land to the City for the original Civic Auditorium
- Photo of sold-out crowd at Civic Auditorium for a symphony performance
- Seattle City Council and staff list, 1927-28
- Seattle Yearbook, Annual Report of Mayor Bertha K. Landes, dated June 6, 1927
- Specifications for Civic Auditorium project, including Civic Arena (now Mercer Arts Arena) and Civic Field (now Memorial Stadium)
- Typed cornerstone ceremony speech delivered by Mayor Bertha K. Landes, May 18, 1928
- Invitation to the dedication ceremony for the Civic Auditorium
- Portrait of Louisa Boren Denny

*Photomontage by City Photographer Erik Stuhaug and Graphic Designer Jay Keiler.  
Thanks to Seattle Center's Director of Communications*

# City of Seattle 2004 Adopted Budget

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