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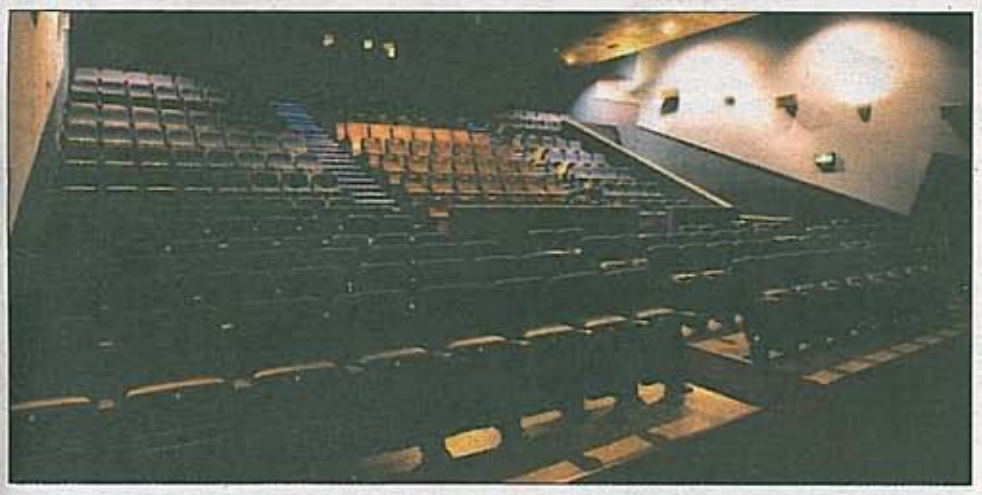
Space Comes Alive At Dublin Cinema Refurbishment

Spacetailors, formally Gwyn Powell and Sons, has recently completed a £1.5m refurbishment of the Coolock UCI in Dublin, which boasts the busiest retail area in Europe.

Andy Powell

The cinema now has a sleek, state of the art interior which included a refurbishment of the cinema ten screens, new seating (two with raised sitting), a new foyer, refreshment stand, retail counter and box office. The site remained open during the refurbishment and Spacetailors worked through the night to complete the project.



This is Spacetailors first job in Ireland and was completed in only 14 weeks. In addition, this is the first big refurbishment that Odeon have commissioned for their recently acquired acquisitions - the cinema site is now completely in keeping with the Odeon style, boasting a modern and sophisticated design.

Spacetailors has expertise spanning interior space design, venue refurbishment, office design and refurbishment, property maintenance, joinery and fast track fit-out across the entire spectrum of industries. The company delivers innovative solutions to improve built environments for clients - from interior space design to complete venue refurbishment, Spacetailors provides a complete contracting service. Health and safety are always kept in mind by the company, and Spacetailors are 100% compliant.

The company, which was founded in 1963 by Gwyn Powell, has been in business for over 43 years and recently the baton was passed from father to son, to Andy Powell, who commissioned a re-brand to launch the business into its next phase of development. The name change from Gwyn Powell and Sons to the more contemporary Spacetailors and associated branding reflects the size and capability of the company whilst retaining the core values and "can do" attitude that has made it so successful. Their flair for design, harnessed with a flexible approach to work through innovative solutions means that Spacetailors tailor their service to business needs.

Design Show Branches Out With New Features

100% Materials: Wood is a whole new feature area planned for 100% Detail 2006, dedicated to presenting not just traditional materials but also less familiar wood products to inspire and provoke architects and designers to specify wood in new applications.

Plastic can be hip, glass can be cool, but wood commands too much respect to be in or out of fashion.

100% Materials: Wood is a unique installation providing inspiration and information on over 150 wood products, from superlight wood/foam composites to ultra dense engineered wood that can be used to replace metals. It provides a feast of samples to engage, inspire and inform designers and architects on this productive and prolific material.

Created by product designer Chris Lefteri (author of a range of authoritative books on materials including wood, glass and ceramics) and made possible with the support of the American Hardwood Export Council, International Timber and wood. for good, the wood samples are intended to be handled by visitors and have individual labels illustrating origin, key features, applications, sustainability, availability, cost and supplier details. Additional support has been provided by the Malaysian Timber Council, the Timber Trade Federation and TRADA.

100% Detail is a trade show for architects and specifiers, and takes place from 21-24 September at Earls Court in London. As the one stop shop for interior designers, specifiers, architects, engineers and housebuilders, the event runs alongside the 100% Design and 100% Light events, and the shows will exhibit the latest innovative building products and architectural solutions.

Reinforcing the show's position as an event of global importance and a unique hub for the design and architecture industry, this year's line up of official 100% panel selected exhibitors is bigger than ever before.

Key features will include the 100% Detail/RIBA Journal Innovation Award for the best product on show, and the Wood Awards shortlist will be unveiled, recognising and encouraging outstanding design and craftsmanship in timber structures.

The show will also host Ten, an exhibition featuring 10 London-based designers each given a £10 budget and a limited 10 mile radius within which to source or scavenge their raw materials, in order to complete their mission to produce a 3D object. Eco-friendly products of note include the 99% recyclable Celle chair from Herman Miller, Renewal Carpet Tiles' award winning eco friendly carpet tiles - and setting an ethical example are young Italian designers, Sofarsonear who are launching their range of furniture, all of which are manufactured entirely in line with fair trade principles.

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