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Panter Hudspith Architects completes cinema revamp

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New cinema emerges from restored Victorian church and school building

The Picturehouse chain has added a Panter Hudspith Architects' school conversion on Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, to its growing collection of cinemas in London.

Occupying a church and school building the 1882 St Thomas More Hall was restored and transformed to be used as a modern cinema after being closed to the public for several years.

The frontage of the Victorian building has been renovated and is complimented by a new tiled outdoor terrace and seating area. Restored original grand windows puncture the structure's façade and are joined by a large new sash window, which links the building to the street and offers subtle glimpses of the building's internal functions.

Mark Panter, partner at Panter Hudspith Architects, said: "We are proud in we what have achieved in creating this small local art house cinema for the community of East Dulwich.

"While meeting the significant challenge of accommodating three auditoria into the building, we have striven to retain the materiality, spatial qualities and original character of this former Victorian church hall - and return it to a local asset once again."

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