

Layton theaters will become one building

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LAYTON — Two theaters will become one with 20 area construction workers helping to make the fit.

The Cinemark Tinseltown Theaters in Layton, 720 W. 1500 North, are under construction as crews work to connect the theater chain's seven-screen theater with an adjacent 10-screen theater, said Terrell Falk, vice president of marketing and communications for Cinemark USA, Inc. in Plano, Texas.

The two theaters, built separately over the years, sit about 20-feet apart, she said.

As part of the renovation, Falk said, two of the theater auditoriums on the Movies 10 side will be retrofitted from auditorium to stadium seating.

All of the seating in the seven-screen theater is currently stadium seating, Falk said.

Cinemark Theaters, a theater chain with 310 theaters and 3,349 screens across the United States, would not release the cost of the project.

"We are going to join the two together, and make it so there is one ticket booth instead of two ticket booths," said Stacey Enterprises Inc. Vice President John Kearns, who is serving as project manager.

"It consolidates their operations," he said.

The second phase of the project, Kearns said, will involve some mild interior renovation work.

The first phase should be completed within two to three months, officials said, while the second phase has a projected completion date of mid-March — weather permitting.

Stacey Enterprises built the seven-screen Tinseltown theater seven to eight years ago and built the Movies 10 theater 15 to 18 years ago, Kearns said.

"We knew the buildings pretty intimately," Kearns said of his construction firm being given the task of fusing the theaters together.

In addition to the two Layton theaters, the Ogden-based construction company also built the Tinseltown Theater in the Newgate Mall in Ogden and is currently building a Century Theater in Salt Lake City.

Beginning next spring, the company is scheduled to build two Century Theaters in the Denver metropolitan area.

"We do a lot of theaters," Kearns said.