



building timeline

- 1890: Residential home of Mr. Laurenz C. Luthardt, a baker and confectioner, who died in his home at 218 West Saratoga.
- 1905: The Morrow Brothers erected a five story addition to the building at 216-218 West Saratoga St built in a similar Romanesque style as the Hutzler Brothers Building.
- 1906-1907: Factory for the Erlanger Brothers Clothing is established. It is owned by New York textile merchants, Abraham and Charles Erlanger. Their best-known product was BVD underwear.
- 1912: Crook, Kries is operational at West Saratoga Street. This was a prominent heating, ventilating, and mechanical engineering firm out of downtown Baltimore.
- 1913: Rector Heating Company uses it as a warehouse and manufactory.
- 1916: There is a business women's lunchroom with a brief address by Miss Frances Miller.
- 1917: The Peabody Piano Company is established. It is owned and operated by the Johnson Brothers Radio Producers and Contracting Company.
- 1918: Major factory and facility for Footer's Cleaners and Dyers.
- 1920: 218 West Saratoga sold from Morrow Brothers to Silverman.
- 1921: Becomes the Johnson Brothers Radio Producers and Contracting Company.
- 1924: William Dashner Vs. Peabody Piano Company. Dashner alleges that on November 21, 1922 he was permanently injured by falling down the elevator shaft at 216-218 West Saratoga St.
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- 1931: There is a basement fire in both the Standard Beauty Company and Johnson Brothers Storage area.
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- 1955: Johnson Brothers buy the building. They make early radio receivers and later down the line televisions.
- 1958: Aaron Straus dies and leaves 6 million dollars to local charities.
- 1960: W.E. Johnson dies.
- 1961: Elmer Y. Johnson Sr. is elected president of Johnson Brothers Radio and Television Company.
- 1974: Robert W. Taylor, Son in law of W.E. Johnson is elected president of the company.
- 1983: Maryland Videos Systems merges with Baltimore Dictating Machines Company to form The Media Center. Robert W. Taylor-principal stockholder in the basement performance space of MAP. The name riffed off nearby gold dealers and pawn shops and became synonymous with the space.
- 1987: MAP buys the 20,000 square foot building at 218 West Saratoga.
- 1989: MAP Trustee, Laure Drogoul forms 14Karat Cabaret, an artist-run program housed near the Inner Harbor. MAP subsequently leases its westside property and adds a large-scale mural by Gaia on the Tyson Street alley facing side of the building. HVAC systems were upgraded and new facade facing windows added.
- 1991: Renovation of MAP is complete providing gallery and programming space. MAP occupies the first two floors and basement of the five story structure.
- 1996: MAP had officially relocated back to its West Saratoga Street property.
- 2001: MAP moves to Power Plant Live! as considerable urban development occurs near the Inner Harbor. MAP subsequently leases its westside property.
- 2012: The Bromo Arts & Entertainment District is established creating a viable pipeline for reinvestment in MAP's Saratoga Street property.
- 2014: MAP installs sculptural artworks on the facade of the building by Cheon/Kroiz and adds a large-scale mural by Gaia on the Tyson Street alley facing side of the building. HVAC systems were upgraded and new facade facing windows added.
- 2016: MAP secures a Tavern Style liquor permit in support of solidifying and re-opening the 14Karat Cabaret, brainchild of artist Laure Drogoul (to be rebranded.)
- 2018: MAP repairs major infrastructure issues in the basement repaired.
- 2019: A new bar, walk-in refrigerator and bathrooms were added in the Cabaret lobby including a functional lighting element by artist Karen Lemmert furthering multi-year investment in its Saratoga Street property.
- 2022: MAP modernized its elevator, upgraded its fire panel and renovated its lobby including a functional lighting element by artist Karen Lemmert furthering multi-year investment in its Saratoga Street property.
- 2025 + 2026: MAP modernized its elevator, upgraded its fire panel and renovated its lobby including a functional lighting element by artist Karen Lemmert furthering multi-year investment in its Saratoga Street property.