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## Revived Palladium Gets a Good Rap

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The new and improved **Hollywood Palladium** opened last week for a concert, but getting everything done in time was an eleventh-hour feat, said architect **Christopher Coe**. After all, the venue's roof was off just a few weeks ago.

"This is not an ordinary eight-hour day," said Coe, who oversaw part of the venue's dramatic renovation.

Leading up to the Oct. 15 opening, workers painted, installed carpet, assembled concession stands and put up speakers. To get everything done, workers arrived at 2 a.m. and didn't check out until midnight for a long stretch before the opening.

The decorated architect, principal of Coe Architecture International, celebrated by taking in the opening-night musical act, rapper Jay-Z.

"I am a Jay-Z fan," he said. "It was quite a show. It was spectacular."